



TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Finance and Operations Committee

REGULAR CALENDAR ITEM: IV.

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2025
SUBJECT: Binding Tuition Authority Updates
ITEM TYPE: Information

BACKGROUND

Since 2010, the Complete College Tennessee Act has required THEC to make tuition and fee recommendations. The FOCUS Act expanded THEC's authority on tuition and fee levels, requiring that the Commission issue binding tuition and fee ranges each year. These ranges apply only to resident, undergraduate students on the tuition rate and total tuition and mandatory fees.

Public Chapter 186 of the 114th General Assembly amended Tenn. Code Ann. §49-7-202(n), THEC's tuition and fee authority, to allow the Commission to approve separate maximum increases for one or more public institutions of higher education if the Commission determines that it is necessary based on the circumstances or needs of the respective institution.

THEC staff will present information on the binding tuition and fee changes within Tenn. Code Ann. §49-7-202(n), followed by a conversation on operationalizing the new binding maximum increase authority. During this time and throughout the implementation process, THEC staff welcome input and feedback that the commission may like to see considered regarding the binding tuition and mandatory fee process.