

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 753

SENATE BILL NO. 2423

By Henry, Summerville

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2115

By Harry Brooks, Dawn White, Mark White, Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 49, relative to higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

49-7-157. The governing board or government entity, as defined in § 4-1-407(a)(5), of a public institution of higher education operating under chapter 8 or 9 of this title shall not adopt policies, rules or directives that substantially burden students' free exercise of religion, but shall comply with the requirements of § 4-1-407.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 3, 2014

ON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hpil APPROVED this ____day of 2014

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR

This bill has an effective date of April 21, 2014 in accordance with Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.