



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 161

SENATE BILL NO. 116

By Briggs

Substituted for: House Bill No. 9

By Harry Brooks, Parkinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 39, Chapter 15 and Title 49, relative to smoking on campuses of public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-4-121(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following language:

Smoking shall be prohibited in all buildings that are owned or operated by the state, except for those sleeping rooms in state park inns, cabins that are designated as smoking rooms or cabins, and as provided by § 49-7-135. It is the intent of the general assembly that all buildings that are owned or operated by the state, other than sleeping rooms in state park inns, cabins designated for smoking, and as provided by § 49-7-135, shall be completely smoke-free.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1803(a)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

(5) Educational facilities, both public and private, except as provided by § 49-7-135;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-135, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following language:

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, including § 4-4-121, § 39-17-1551, or title 39, chapter 17, part 18, the board of regents, the trustees of the university of Tennessee, and state university board of each public institution of higher education may adopt policies regulating smoking on property owned or operated by the institution; provided, that such policies do not permit smoking in any location where smoking is otherwise prohibited by law. Such policies may prohibit smoking in all indoor and outdoor areas of property owned or operated by the institution. The board of regents, the trustees of the university of Tennessee, and state university board of each institution is encouraged to prohibit smoking in all enclosed spaces and provide for reasonable smoke-free zones at all facility entrances and exits.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 13, 2017

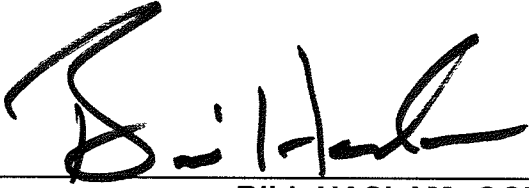


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR