

HOUSE BILL 1308

By West

AN ACT to provide for the erection and maintenance of directional signs for Argosy University and the Art Institute of Tennessee-Nashville.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and in recognition of the significant contribution to higher education and the economic development of the state of Tennessee made by The Art Institute of Tennessee-Nashville and Argosy University, the department of transportation is hereby directed to erect and maintain directional signs that inform citizens of the most direct route to Argosy University and the Art Institute of Tennessee-Nashville at the following locations:

(1) Interstate 40 eastbound between mile marker 218 and exit 219; and on

(2) Interstate 40 westbound between mile marker 220 and exit 219, or at such Interstate location as deemed appropriate by the department of transportation.

SECTION 2. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 3. The act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs

within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.