

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2115 – SB 2423

March 20, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) or the University of Tennessee (UT) from adopting policies that substantially burden students' freedom of religion. Requires TBR and UT to comply with the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-407 relative to the preservation of religious freedom.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014875): Deletes all language of the original bill. Prohibits the governing board or government entity, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-407(a)(5), of a public institution of higher education, operating under Tennessee Code Annotated Title 49, Chapter 8 or 9, from adopting rules, policies, or directives that substantially burden students' freedom of religion. Requires such boards and entities to comply with the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-407 relative to the preservation of religious freedom.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- No fiscal impact on state or local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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