

Amendment No. 4 to HB2248

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1912*

House Bill No. 2248

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 51, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) No state funds shall be expended:

(1) To support the office for diversity and inclusion at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; or

(2) By the University of Tennessee to promote the use of gender neutral pronouns, to promote or inhibit the celebration of religious holidays, or to fund or support sex week.

(b)

(1) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the state funds budgeted by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for fiscal year 2016-2017, for the office of diversity and inclusion shall be allocated by the university to fund a national motto decal program. The university shall allocate these funds to the school of art, graphic design program and the university printing and mail services for the design, production, and distribution of the decals to any law enforcement agency that requests them. The version of the national motto to be used on the decals shall be the one approved by the United States Congress in 1956.

(2) The law enforcement agencies may receive no more than one (1) decal per vehicle and shall be responsible for paying the costs of affixing the decals to the vehicles.

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(3) Any funds remaining in the decal program at the end of fiscal years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 shall not revert to the university's general fund, but shall remain available for expenditure in the decal program. Any funds remaining in the decal program at the end of fiscal year 2019-2020 shall revert to the university's general fund.

(c) The University of Tennessee shall report to the general assembly at the end of each year in which the decal program is operational. The report shall include a list of the law enforcement agencies that requested the decals, the number requested by each law enforcement agency, the total number of decals produced, and the total expenditures of the program for the year. Any costs of producing the report shall be included in the cost of administration of the program.

SECTION 2. The remaining seventy-five percent (75%) of the state funds in the budget of the office for diversity and inclusion at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for fiscal year 2016-2017, after the allocation as provided in subdivision (b)(1) of Section 1, shall be reallocated in the university's budget and used by the university solely for scholarships to be awarded through the minority engineering scholarship program. Any such funds from the budget of the office for diversity and inclusion that are not used for minority engineering scholarships in fiscal year 2016-2017 shall remain in the scholarship program for use in future fiscal years.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.