

HOUSE BILL 1696

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 9, relative to the powers of the board of  
trustees of the University of Tennessee system.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-209(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead:

(d)

(1) The board of trustees shall:

(A) Employ a chief executive officer of the University of Tennessee system, who shall be the president of the University of Tennessee system. The president shall serve at the pleasure of the board;

(B) Define the president's duties, including the president's administrative duties with respect to the system and the individual institutions of the system, and within budgetary limitations, fix the president's compensation;

(C) Select and employ the chief executive officers of the institutions of the system upon recommendation of the president;

(D) Have the power to confirm the appointment of administrative personnel, professors, teachers, and other officers and employees of the system or the individual institutions and fix their salaries and terms of employment;

(E) Have the power to remove the president, chief executive officers of the institutions of the system, or any other officer or employee of the system or an institution. Prior to the dismissal of a chief executive officer of an institution, the board shall call upon the president to make a recommendation as to the

board's action, but the board shall make the ultimate decision as to the dismissal of a chief executive officer of an institution; and

(F) Assume general responsibility for the operation of the institutions, delegating to the president general responsibility for the operation of the system and its institutions and to the chief executive officer of each institution the powers and duties as are necessary and appropriate for the efficient administration of the institution and its programs. The chief executive officers of the institutions shall report directly to the president of the system. The president shall exercise administrative authority over the chief executive officers of the institutions.

(2) As used in this subsection, "institution" includes the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the University of Tennessee at Martin, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, the University of Tennessee Space Institute, the Institute of Agriculture, and the Institute for Public Service.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-401(c)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead:

The president of the University of Tennessee, with the approval of the board of trustees, is authorized to appoint a general advisory committee to aid in directing the activities of the institute and other specific advisory committees that may be desirable to aid in accomplishing the several purposes of this part.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-401(d), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subsection and substituting instead:

An executive director shall be appointed by the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee to administer the institute and to coordinate the activities of the several university departments, bureaus, and agencies operating in this general area.

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