

HOUSE BILL 789

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5; Title 10, Chapter 7; Title 24 and Title 49, relative to student due process.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-321, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

No later than February 15, 2018, and by every February 15 thereafter, the secretary of state must report the data provided by public institutions of higher education under §§ 49-8-115 and 49-9-110 for the immediately preceding calendar year to the government operations committee of the house of representatives and the senate, the education committee of the senate, and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-115, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) No later than January 19, 2018, and by every January 19 thereafter, each institution of postsecondary and higher education that is subject to this chapter must report the following data to the administrative procedures division in the office of the secretary of state:

(1) The total number of contested cases involving allegations of student misconduct that the institution conducted during the immediately preceding calendar year; and

(2) The percentage of cases included in the total number reported under subdivision (b)(1) for which the institution appointed administrative judges or hearing officers from among its employees under subsection (a).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-110, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) No later than January 19, 2018, and by every January 19 thereafter, each campus, institute, and other unit of the University of Tennessee must report the following data to the administrative procedures division in the office of the secretary of state:

(1) The total number of contested cases involving allegations of student misconduct that the campus, institute, or other unit conducted during the immediately preceding calendar year; and

(2) The percentage of cases included in the total number reported under subdivision (b)(1) for which the campus, institute, or other unit appointed administrative judges or hearing officers from among its employees under subsection (a).

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