

HOUSE BILL 1839

By Daniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Foreign entity" means a foreign nation; a political subdivision of a foreign nation; or an organization sponsored, operated, or funded by a foreign nation;

(2) "Governing board of a public institution of higher education" means the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee, the board of regents of the state university and community college system, or a local governing board of trustees of a state university; and

(3) "Program" means a program of instruction or a learning center that provides instruction in the language or culture of a foreign nation.

(b) A governing board of a public institution of higher education shall not contract or affiliate with a foreign entity for the foreign entity to provide or establish a program at the public institution of higher education.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to abridge or impair a contract or agreement executed before the effective date of this act. Any such contract or agreement shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of the contract or agreement.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all contracts executed, amended, or renewed on or after that date.