

HOUSE BILL 1878

By Kane

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 44 and Title 49, relative to public colleges
and universities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The meetings of all administrative departments of the University of Tennessee - Knoxville shall be deemed public business and shall be held in compliance with the open meetings law, compiled in title 8, chapter 44, when the departments consider any changes to the department that will directly affect current students, alumni, faculty, or staff of the university.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the meetings of the departments shall not be required to comply with the open meetings law, compiled in title 8, chapter 44, if the meetings of the administrative departments of the University of Tennessee - Knoxville concern any personal or confidential issues, including:

(1) The confidentiality of individual student records in accordance with the Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, codified in 20 U.S.C. § 1232g;

(2) The confidentiality of research records and materials pursuant to § 49-7-120;

(3) The confidentiality of gift records pursuant to § 49-7-140; or

(4) The confidentiality of application and materials submitted with application for position of chief executive officer of public institution of higher education pursuant to § 49-7-154.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all meetings occurring on or after the effective date.