

HOUSE BILL 2734

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Section 49-9-108, relative to debts or obligations owed by students to state institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-108, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "governing board" or "board" means:

- (1) The board of trustees of the University of Tennessee;
- (2) The board of regents; or
- (3) A state university board.

(b) A governing board shall adopt policies addressing management of outstanding student debt or obligations owed directly to a state institution of higher education governed by that board. The policies shall address the limitations, including, but not limited to, limitations on the admission, enrollment, issuance of grade reports, and issuance of diplomas or certificates that may be imposed on students owing debts or obligations directly to the state institution.

(c) In any year in which a governing board adopts or amends policies under subsection (b), the governing board shall report the adoption or amendment of the policies to the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives by December 31.

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

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