SENATE BILL 323

By Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, 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 public institution of higher education that accepts applications for admission shall not inquire about an applicant's criminal history on the application for admission.

SECTION 2. Public institutions of higher education are not required to replace application forms in circulation on or after the effective date of this act to ensure that the forms comply with Section 1 of this act until all existing application forms are exhausted.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.