

SENATE BILL 1040

By Watson

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202(q)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) and substituting instead the following:

(B)

(i) The commission may require the governing board of a public institution of higher education to terminate an existing on-campus or off-campus program upon an affirmative vote made at a properly convened meeting.

(ii) The commission may consider one (1) or more of the following factors when making a determination under subdivision (q)(1)(B)(i):

(a) The academic quality of the program;

(b) Enrollment in the program;

(c) Credential production from the program; and

(d) The overall cost effectiveness of the program.

(iii) If the commission votes to require the governing board of a public institution of higher education to terminate an existing program, then the commission's executive director shall provide written notice to the education committee of the senate and the education administration committee of the house of representatives within ten (10) days of the commission's action.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.