

SENATE BILL 2407

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to meetings of entities that govern
education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301(d), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Meetings of the board shall be made available for viewing by the public over the Internet by streaming video accessible from the board's web site. Archived videos of the board's meetings shall also be available to the public through the board's web site.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-204(f), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Meetings of the commission shall be made available for viewing by the public over the Internet by streaming video accessible from the commission's web site. Archived videos of the commission's meetings shall also be available to the public through the commission's web site.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(c), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as new subdivision (2):

(2) Meetings of the board shall be made available for viewing by the public over the Internet by streaming video accessible from the board's web site. Archived videos of the board's meetings shall also be available to the public through the board's web site.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-205, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Meetings of the board shall be made available for viewing by the public over the Internet by streaming video accessible from the board's web site. Archived videos of the board's meetings shall also be available to the public through the board's web site.

SECTION 5. Costs of providing streaming video of meetings of the state board of education, the Tennessee higher education commission, the Tennessee board of regents and the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee system shall be absorbed within the existing budget of the respective entity.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.