

SENATE BILL 2601

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to disciplinary actions by public institutions of 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 language as a new section:

A public institution of higher education shall notify a student at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a hearing that the student has the right to be represented at the hearing by counsel of the student's own choice, if disciplinary action may be taken against the student as a result of the hearing. A student has the right to view the evidence to be presented at a hearing in support of a proposed disciplinary action to be taken against the student at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to disciplinary offenses committed after the effective date.