SENATE BILL 730
By Southerland

HOUSE BILL 1646

By Goins

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 7, relative to graduation requirements.

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) A state institution of higher education shall permit an enrolled student to graduate from the institution in the student's course of study, if the student has met all requirements for graduation stated in the institution's catalog at the time of the student's entry into the institution for the student's course of study or in any subsequent catalog published during the time that the student is enrolled in the institution.

(b) Subsection (a) shall only apply to students who seek to graduate within six (6) years of the student's date of entry into the institution.

(c) A state institution of higher education may have a more lenient policy than the requirements of this section, but shall not have a more stringent policy.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2006(a)(1)(D), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (i) and by adding the following language as new subdivision (ii):

(ii)

(*a*) An institution shall permit an enrolled student to graduate from the institution in the student's course of study, if the student has met all requirements for graduation stated in the institution's catalog at the time of the student's entry into the institution for the student's course of study or in any subsequent catalog published during the time that the student is enrolled in the institution.

(*b*) Subdivision (a)(1)(D)(ii)(*a*) shall only apply to students who seek to graduate within six (6) years of the student's date of entry into the institution.

(*c*) An institution may have a more lenient policy than the requirements of this subdivision (a)(1)(D)(ii), but shall not have a more stringent policy.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.