

HOUSE BILL 2429

By Williams

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 38 and Title 49, relative to nonimmigrant
students.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-159, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) Each institution that accepts nonimmigrant students possessing either an F-1 or M-1 student visa for instruction in this state shall report to the department of safety the following information:

(A) The number of nonimmigrant students enrolled at the institution at the beginning of each period of study;

(B) The number of nonimmigrant students enrolled at the institution at the end of each period of study; and

(C) The name and address of the nonimmigrant students who were enrolled at the beginning of the period of study but were not enrolled at the end of the period of study.

(2) The report required by subdivision (a)(1) shall be submitted on a biannual basis as follows:

(A) The reports covering the summer and fall periods of study shall be submitted by January 15 each year; and

(B) The reports covering the spring periods of study shall be submitted by June 15 each year.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Institution" means a college, university, seminary, vocational or technical school, or any other entity that offers a postsecondary course of study.

"Institution" does not include elementary, middle, or secondary schools; and

(2) "Period of study" means a quarter, semester, or the duration of a program that is not otherwise divided.

(c) The department, in consultation with the Tennessee higher education commission, shall develop a form that shall be available to institutions for reporting purposes. Institutions may submit the report in an electronic form.

(d) On or before June 30, 2016, each institution required to submit the report pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) shall submit a report containing the information required by subdivisions (a)(1)(A)-(C) for each period of study during academic years 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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