

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 542

SENATE BILL NO. 1302

By Woodson, Kurita

Substituted for: House Bill No. 950

By Winningham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to proprietary schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-7-2019. (a) There is created a special joint legislative study committee to consider, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the state's statutory and regulatory oversight of the creation and operation of proprietary and career colleges.

(b) The committee shall be composed of:

(1) The chair and two (2) members of the Education Committee of the Senate to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate;

(2) The chair and two (2) members of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) The majority leader of the Senate or the majority leader's designee;

(4) The majority leader of the House of Representatives or the majority leader's designee;

(5) Two (2) representatives of the private or public sector, of which one (1) shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one (1) shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate;

(6) The executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and one (1) member of the commission to be appointed by the executive director of the commission;

(7) The chancellor of the Tennessee board of regents or the chancellor's designee;

(8) The vice chancellor of Tennessee technological colleges or the vice chancellor's designee;

(9) One (1) representative from a Tennessee proprietary or career college that is nationally accredited and degree-granting to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(10) Two (2) representatives from a Tennessee proprietary or career college that is regionally accredited and degree granting, of which one (1) shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one(1) shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate; and

(11) One (1) representative from a Tennessee proprietary or career college that is a non-degree-granting institution to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate.

(c) The special joint committee shall be convened by the chairs of the education committees of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, who shall jointly serve as co-chairs of the committee, and shall elect from its members a vice chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

(d) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the committee upon request of the chair(s).

(e) The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the House and Senate Education Committees of the 105th General Assembly no later than January 1, 2008, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 11, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR