

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 650

SENATE BILL NO. 2793

By Gresham

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2847

By Harwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to data concerning higher education students.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-7-2__.

(a) When the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA) or any of its member institutions are required by law or by rule or regulation to provide to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission confidential student data or records concerning students enrolled in TICUA institutions, neither TICUA or a member institution shall be held liable in any court of law for any breach of confidentiality of such information, if the breach resulted from actions of the commission or its staff and not from the transmission of the data or records by TICUA or its member institutions before the data or records reached the commission.

(b) This section shall apply to any student data or records that are confidential under any law of this state or any federal law, including, but not limited to, the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, compiled in 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

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

PASSED: March 8, 2010



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of March 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR