



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 835

SENATE BILL NO. 2447

By Johnson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2409

By Casada, Todd, Hardaway, Byrd, Eldridge, Holsclaw, Zachary, Towns, Mark White, Powers,
DeBerry, Parkinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49,
Chapter 9, relative to higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-137, is amended by deleting the
section in its entirety and substituting instead:

(a) Each public institution of higher education is strongly encouraged to offer
instruction aimed at increasing the awareness and prevention of hate crime offenses, sexual
assault, sexual battery, sexual harassment, and date rape to all students.

(b) Each public institution of higher education shall require all entering freshmen
during orientation or introductory studies to receive instruction aimed at increasing the
awareness and prevention of sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual harassment, and date
rape.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 7, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR