



Legislation Affecting the Tennessee Board of Regents and Member Institutions

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Extraordinary Session

Public Chapter 3 from the Extraordinary Session

TN Complete College Act of 2010. The Act makes the following provisions:

- Development of a statewide master plan for higher education which directs higher education to be accountable for increasing educational attainment levels of Tennesseans. TBR, UT, and member institutions will be involved in the discussions. Missions of individual institutions will be considered in development of the plan.
- Development of a new outcomes-based funding formula on or before December 1, 2010. Factors unique to community colleges will be considered. Outcomes that will be emphasized shall include end of term enrollment for each term, student retention, timely progress toward degree completion and degree production, and may also include student transfer activity, research, and student success, as well as compliance with transfer and articulation principles as outlined in this Act.
- Further defines 60 hours of the university tract coursework as 41 hours of general education core courses and 19 hours of pre-major courses or electives that count toward a major. Students who complete an associates degree will be able to transfer to any state public university as a junior (with exceptions for competitive program admissions and admissions into UTK).
- Further development of a course numbering system aimed at making the transition from a community college to a university more seamless.
- Establishment of dual admission policies which would allow eligible students to be dually enrolled in high school and postsecondary education simultaneously.
- Community colleges will be the sole provider of remedial and developmental courses effective July 1, 2012.
- Development of a new community college system to be implemented no later than July 1, 2012. The new system will be a comprehensive statewide system of coordinated programs and services operating with individual campuses, teaching centers and sites as necessary to maximize the effectiveness of the system in enhancing student success and increasing citizens' educational attainment levels.
- Authorization of the Memphis Research Consortium whose purpose is to promote long-term economic development and job creation through exploration of research and development opportunities in industries including public health, medical devices, medical and healthcare, bio-based products and chemical manufacturing, logistics and supply chain, computational and computer sciences, and learning technologies and related fields. Establishes lead collaborators of the Consortium as the University of Memphis, University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Requires a progress report due to education committees of the general assembly no later than February 1, 2011.

(S: Kyle; H: Turner) SB 7006/HB 7008

Public Finance and Appropriations

Public Chapter 1108 **(Effective 7/1/10)**

Appropriations Bill. The impact on TBR is as follows:

Operating budget

- Reduction in base funding of 6% or \$39 million
- Supplemental longevity payment for employees at \$50 per year of service with a minimum payment of \$150 and a maximum payment of \$1,250 (contingent upon \$50 million additional growth of state revenues)
- Continuation of the \$50 match for employees' 401K accounts

Capital budget

- \$29.5 million to fund 49 capital maintenance projects
- \$120 million to fund capital improvements for community colleges and high priority technology centers (contingent upon receipt of FMAP funds)

Special items and appropriations

- Removal of language that required tuition rates at public universities to be uniform
- Tennessee State University will receive \$823,700 to fully match federal funds for agricultural extension, environmental research, and forestry (plus \$719,000 restored to the base operating budget)
- \$500,000 non-recurring to the Memphis Research Consortium to support start-up of the consortium; progress report is due to the legislature's education committees by February 1, 2011; lead collaborators of the consortium include the University of Memphis, the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
- Funds from the Department of Economic and Community Development to be used for "Project Schoolhouse" which involves a TBR university
- \$14.6 million to serve as the state match for the Graduate Medical Education program to support medical residency training at the state's medical schools
- \$100,000 to the West Tennessee Seismic Safety Commission for the purpose of seismic research and services
- \$3.2 million to fund TSAC's Tennessee Student Assistance Award Program (TSAA) was moved from recurring to non-recurring

(S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 3919/HB 3928

<p><u>Public Chapter 1109</u> (Effective 6/25/10)</p>	<p>Bond Bill.</p> <p>(S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 3916/HB 3925</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1110</u> (Effective 6/25/10)</p>	<p>Indexing Bill. Allows the index of appropriations from state tax revenues for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to exceed the index of estimated growth in the state's economy by one hundred twenty-six million six hundred thousand dollars (\$126,600,000) or one and ten hundredths percent (1.10%).</p> <p>(S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 3917/HB 3926</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1134</u> (see public chapter for effective dates)</p>	<p>Technical Corrections.</p> <p>(S: Kyle; H: Turner) SB 3901/HB 3787</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1135</u> (Effective 6/30/10)</p>	<p>Omnibus Bill. Provides confidentiality clause for records relating to Project Schoolhouse (see appropriations bill). Creates the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprises within the procurement office; revises provisions governing BEP, state museum commission and savings plans for state employees.</p> <p>(S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 2616/HB 2556</p>

Academics	
<u>Public Chapter 698</u> (Effective 3/31/10)	Research at MTSU and TSU on solid waste disposal. Allows Tennessee State University and Middle Tennessee State University to research and develop methods to address how to use the materials in solid waste as raw materials to create jobs, business and compost. It provides that such research by the universities may include how to divert food waste and yard waste from landfills to create useful compost and clean methane gas. It also outlines that such methods and research may be made available to government agencies and others involved in solid waste reform. It makes clear that the universities will demonstrate the extent to which such reforms are cost effective, and that all such research and work shall be funded entirely from non-state sources. (S: Harper; H: Gilmore) SB 2180/HB 2216
<u>Public Chapter 811</u> (Effective 1/01/11)	Restricts online continuing education courses for dental hygienists. For the purposes of the biennial continuing education requirement for dental hygienists, places a restriction that no more than fifty percent (50%) of such continuing education requirements may be earned from on-line or web-based courses. (S: Burchett; H: DeBerry) SB 2646/HB 2634
<u>Public Chapter 912</u> (Effective 5/26/10)	Urges institutions to explore ways comparative education can be incorporated into existing curriculum. Urges institutions of higher education offering approved teacher training programs under Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 55, to explore ways in which research methodologies related to comparative education concepts that study and examine teaching practices and learning outcomes in other countries can be incorporated into existing curriculum. (S: Marrero; H: Coley) SB 1743/HB 376
<u>Public Chapter 931</u> (Effective 7/01/10)	Authorizes schools to establish a fund to support an International Baccalaureate Programme or an Advanced Placement program. Authorizes a school to establish an International Baccalaureate Programme fund or an Advanced Placement fund to receive donations or grants from individuals or from private corporations, associations or other artificial entities, both nonprofit and for profit, who desire to help support an International Baccalaureate Programme or an Advanced Placement program offered or attempted to be established by the school. (S: Kelsey; H: Coley) SB 3304/HB 2947

<p><u>Public Chapter 987</u> (Effective 6/02/10)</p>	<p>Requires THEC to study and report on the feasibility of establishing an ecological tourism program. Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to assess and study the feasibility of establishing a program of instruction in ecological tourism in public universities. The commission shall report its findings and conclusions to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate by February 1, 2011. (S: Marrero; H: Coley) SB 1754/HB 206</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1045</u> (Effective 6/21/10)</p>	<p>Chinese Proficiency Testing (HSK). Requires the Department of Education working with the Confucius Institutes at the University of Memphis and Middle Tennessee State University to study and assess the Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) proficiency tests for the purpose of establishing a pilot program modeled on the development of HSK testing that will aid in the construction of diagnostic tools for the determination of mastery and proficiency in other foreign languages. (S: Marrero; H: Coley) SB 1472/HB 209</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1097</u> (Effective 6/23/10)</p>	<p>Financial Literacy. Creates the Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission to raise funds and implement financial literacy education programs for elementary school students and their parents and the promotion of financial literacy in college savings. The commission will be administered by an 11-member board of directors. (S: Gresham, H: Brooks) SB 3234/HB 3334</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1106</u> (Effective 7/01/10)</p>	<p>Requires the development of guidelines and training for specific public school personnel regarding the prevention of workplace violence. Requires the commissioner of education in collaboration with the state-level school safety team to develop guidelines and training for all public school administrators and human resource personnel regarding the prevention of workplace violence. (S: Stewart; H: Winningham) SB 3875/HB 3794</p>
<p>House Joint Resolution 959</p>	<p>Resolution relative to the acceptance of certain coursework and credits at TBR and UT institutions. Requires the TBR and UT to accommodate non-traditional students seeking to complete degrees by accepting completed coursework and credits to the extent authorized by the institution's academic standards. (H: Armstrong) HJR 959</p>

Administration	
<u>Public Chapter 639</u> (Effective 7/01/10)	Relative to restrictions on gift instruments. Increases the total value of an institutional fund held for charitable purposes from \$25,000 to \$150,000 for which release or modification of a restriction contained in the gift instrument on the management, investment, or purpose of an institutional fund is permitted without court approval. Authorizes an increase in the total value of the funds by an amount of \$5,000 beginning on July 1, 2011, and on each July 1 thereafter. (S: Overbey; H: Fitzhugh) SB 3046/HB 3047
<u>Public Chapter 656</u> (Effective 3/25/10)	Extends application deadline for 2010-2011 annual charitable events. Extends deadline for applications for 2010-2011 annual events to 15 days after March 25, 2010. Requires the secretary of state to submit third omnibus list for 2010-2011 annual events. Extends authority to conduct events to certain nonprofit organizations in existence for at least five years. (S: Tracy; H: Carr) SB 2530/HB 2669
<u>Public Chapter 891</u> (Effective 5/10/10)	TBR streamlining of meetings and reporting frequency of presidential expenditures and audits. Gives TBR greater flexibility in scheduling meetings by removing the statutory requirement for quarterly board meetings and replacing it with language requiring at least one meeting per year. Changes the required frequency in reporting presidents' expenditures and the required frequency in reporting presidential audits. This will allow auditors to spend more time on matters of greater potential risk. (S: McNally; H: Fitzhugh) SB 3680/HB 3503
<u>Public Chapter 1051</u> (Effective 1/01/10)	Video Streaming of Board Meetings. Requires the State Board of Education, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the Tennessee Board of Regents, and the UT Board of Trustees to provide video streaming of the respective entity's meetings. Requires archived videos of the entity's meetings to be available on the entity's web site. (S: Burks; H: Winningham) SB 2407/HB 2474

Business	
<u>Public Chapter 706</u> (Effective 3/31/10)	Encourages Economic Efficiency in State Government. Requires each department and agency of state government to strive to achieve economic efficiency through utilization of innovative approaches and methodologies while maintaining the highest level of service for the citizens of Tennessee. Departments and agencies are encouraged to seek input from their employees and the public and are urged to include a comment portal on their website. Furthermore, each department and agency shall annually report progress in achieving economic efficiency during their budget hearings. (S: Tracy; H: Marsh) SB 3013/HB 3007
<u>Public Chapter 784</u> (Effective 4/16/10)	Reporting of allegations of abuse or waste of public funds. Revises existing language regarding the responsibility of a state official to report fraud. Extends the reporting responsibilities to include knowledge of a theft, forgery, credit card fraud, or any other act of unlawful or unauthorized taking, or abuse of, public money, property, or services, or other shortages of public funds. Report shall be made to the comptroller of the treasury. The comptroller will prescribe the method of making the reports. (S: McNally; H: Fitzhugh) SB 3682/HB 3611
<u>Public Chapter 791</u> (Effective 4/19/10)	Allows treasurer flexibility in setting a minimum value of unclaimed property that requires notice to be given. Authorizes the treasurer to set a minimum dollar value for unclaimed property paid or delivered to the treasurer that requires the mailing of a notice instead of requiring that the minimum value be \$50.00; and authorizes the treasurer to claim unclaimed property from any other state on behalf of any Tennessee state department, agency, board, commission, or institution, including a public institution of higher education. (S: Johnson; H: Harwell) SB 3808/HB 3326
<u>Public Chapter 852</u> (Effective 4/30/10)	Requires THEC to report the annual student tuition subsidy for each public institution to certain committees. Requires THEC to report the student tuition subsidy applicable to students at each public institution of higher education to the Education and Finance, Ways and Means Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate. (S: Harper; H: Brown) SB 3266/HB 3410

<p><u>Public Chapter 884</u> (Effective 5/10/10)</p>	<p>Tennessee Baccalaureate Education System Trust Act. Allows that the board of trustees may further establish, or contract for the establishment of, an incentive plan or plans to encourage Tennessee residents to participate in any such other college savings program or in any § 529 college savings program established by the state. Notwithstanding this subdivision or any other law to the contrary, the availability of the amount of the incentive or the cost to cover any other services or programs authorized by this subdivision if intended to be funded by state funds shall be subject to the appropriation of funds in the General Appropriations Act. (S: Gresham; H: Brooks) SB 1142/HB 1516</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 891</u> (Effective 5/10/10)</p>	<p>TBR streamlining of meetings and reporting frequency of presidential expenditures and audits. Gives TBR greater flexibility in scheduling meetings by removing the statutory requirement for quarterly board meetings and replacing it with language requiring at least one meeting per year. Changes the required frequency in reporting presidents' expenditures and the required frequency in reporting presidential audits. This will allow auditors to spend more time on matters of greater potential risk. (S: McNally; H: Fitzhugh) SB 3680/HB 3503</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 910</u> (Effective 5/26/10)</p>	<p>Requires POST Commission to report on training and procedures for dealing with violent school incidents. Requires the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission, in consultation with the law enforcement training academy, to report to the Select Committee on Education Oversight on current law enforcement training and procedures for responding to violent school incidents in elementary and secondary schools and in postsecondary institutions. The commission shall also report whether modifications or changes should be made in current training and procedures for law enforcement personnel responding to violent school situations. The commission shall submit its report by February 1, 2011. (S: Burchett; H: Brooks) SB 769/HB 564</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 913</u> (Effective 5/26/10)</p>	<p>Requires the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to establish an EFFECTs position. Requires the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to establish a position within state government whose focus shall be to establish an accountability process within state government to insure that state government is efficient, forward looking, focused, energetic, competent and transparent, hereafter referred to as the "EFFECTs" person or position. (S: Berke; H: Stewart) SB 2023/HB 2219</p>

<p><u>Public Chapter 946</u> (Effective 5/26/10)</p>	<p>Authorizes an incentive program for reduction of liabilities to the risk management fund. Authorizes the Board of Claims to establish incentive programs for state departments, agencies and institutions, including public institutions of higher education, for the purpose of reducing liabilities to the risk management fund created pursuant to §9-8-109. (S: Kyle; H: Turner) SB 3824/HB 3806</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 993</u> (Effective 6/02/10)</p>	<p>Requires the procurement of bids for obtaining appropriate insurance on commercial grade vehicles. Requires that prior to the acquisition of any commercial grade motor vehicle that is to be used primarily for transporting non-students by any state department, agency, or institution, including any public institution of higher education, such department, agency or institution shall procure bids for obtaining appropriate levels of insurance on such motor vehicle as shall be determined by the board of claims. (S: Ketron; H: Todd) SB 3593/HB 3633</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1091</u> (Effective 6/23/10)</p>	<p>Foreign Call Centers. Requires promulgation of regulations authorizing a preference in the evaluation of proposals for state contracts requiring the performance of call center services for vendors through whom such services will be solely provided by citizens of the United States who reside in the United States, or any person authorized to work in the United States pursuant to federal law, including legal resident aliens in the United States. (S: Stewart, H: Cobb) SB 2839/HB 2822</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1098</u> (Effective 10/1/11)</p>	<p>Procurement Commission. Creates a procurement commission, and state protest committee, procurement office, and an advisory council on state procurement and regulates the procurement, management, contracting, and disposal of goods and services by the state. (S: Ketron; H: Curtiss) SB 3598/HB 3353</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1140</u> (Effective 7/01/10)</p>	<p>Veteran-owned business preference. Grants special consideration for veteran-owned businesses, similar to the consideration given to women owned businesses, in the awarding and procuring of state contracts. (S: Burchett; H: Armstrong) SB 2785/HB 3252</p>

Facilities

<p><u>Public Chapter 630</u> (Effective 3/10/10)</p>	<p>Allows construction to begin on an educational building awaiting approval under certain circumstances. Allows any entity undertaking to construct an educational occupancy within the jurisdictional boundaries of a local government that chooses to enforce its own code to begin construction upon approval of its building plans by such local government while, if the codes enforced by the local government are the same or more stringent than the codes enforced by the state fire marshal, awaiting final approval of its plans by the state fire marshal. However, if a conflict arises between the state fire marshal and the local government relative to the fire safety standards, then the determination of the state fire marshal shall supersede the conflicting application or interpretation by the local government. (S: Ketron; H: Todd) SB 3593/HB 3633</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 768</u> (Effective 7/01/10)</p>	<p>Requires masonry contractor information on bid envelopes under certain circumstances. Requires information concerning those bidding for masonry contractor work be included on the outside of the envelope containing a bid, in addition to those contractors currently required to be listed, if the total amount of the masonry portion of the project (materials and labor) exceeds \$100,000. (S: Ketron; H: Curtiss) SB 2722/HB 2794</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 801</u> (Effective 4/19/10)</p>	<p>Requires information on the envelope containing a bid be included in any electronic bid. Revises the current requirements concerning information that must be contained on the outside of the envelope containing the bid to also require such information be included in an electronic bid. The bill also eliminates the previous criminal penalty of noncompliance, a Class A misdemeanor, and instead authorizes a civil penalty of up to \$5,000. (S: Ketron; H: Curtiss) SB 3607/HB 3158</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 950</u> (Effective 1/01/11)</p>	<p>Requires masonry contractors to be licensed if masonry portion of the project exceeds \$100,000. Requires masonry contractors to be licensed under the present law provisions governing contractors, if the total cost of the masonry portion of a construction project exceeds \$100,000, materials and labor. (S: Burchett; H: Curtiss) SB 1560/HB 1242</p>

Human Resources

<p><u>Public Chapter 708</u> (Effective 3/31/10)</p>	<p>Grants administrative leave for TSEA board members. Entitles a board member of TSEA to receive administrative leave days to attend board meetings to conduct the business of the association. The number of days shall not exceed twelve in a calendar year. (S: Finney; H: Hill) SB 3204/HB 3075)</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 765</u> (Effective 4/14/10)</p>	<p>New recipient of annual Title VI compliance reports and implementation plan. Requires each state governmental entity subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Federal Civil Rights Act to submit annual Title VI compliance reports and implementation plan updates to the Human Rights Commission instead of the Department of Audit. (S: Harper; H: DeBerry) SB 3408/HB 3521</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 772</u> (Effective 4/14/10)</p>	<p>Board of Regents longevity pay. Extends to July 1, 2013 TBR's requirement to comply with 2009 legislation which gives state employees the option to receive their longevity pay either by separate payment or by a combined payment included with their regular payroll. The time extension will enable TBR to perform software modifications using internal staff rather than hiring external contractors to complete the programming. (S: Ketron; H: Todd) SB 3547/HB 3638</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 794</u> (Effective 4/19/10)</p>	<p>Permits state employees to obtain employment with another employer. Allows a state employee to obtain employment with another employer so long as no conflicts exist between such additional employment and the employment schedule of the state employee. (S: Ford; H: Towns) SB 2146/HB 2101</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1089</u> (Effective 6/23/10)</p>	<p>Authorizes employers to require English spoken in the workplace. Provides that it is not a discriminatory practice for an employer to institute a policy in the employer's workplace requiring that all employees speak only in English at certain times when the employer has a legitimate business necessity for such a policy. Employer must provide notice to employees of the policy and consequences of violating the policy. (S: Johnson; H: Hill) SB 2735/HB 2685</p>

Information Technology

Public Chapter 772
(Effective 4/14/10)

Board of Regents longevity pay. Extends to July 1, 2013 TBR's requirement to comply with 2009 legislation which gives state employees the option to receive their longevity pay either by separate payment or by a combined payment included with their regular payroll. The time extension will enable TBR to perform software modifications using internal staff rather than hiring external contractors to complete the programming.

(S: Ketron; H: Todd) SB 3547/HB 3638

Public Chapter 779
(Effective 4/16/10)

Prohibits installing covered file-sharing programs without providing clear notice. Makes it a class B misdemeanor to install, offer to install, or make available for installation, reinstallation or update a covered file-sharing program onto a computer without being an authorized user of that computer or without first providing clear and conspicuous notice to the authorized user of the computer that the files on that computer will be made available to the public, obtaining consent of the authorized user to installation of the program, and requiring affirmative steps by the authorized user to activate any feature on the program that will make files on that computer available to the public. The act also makes it unlawful to prevent reasonable efforts to disable or remove, or to block the installation or execution of, a covered file-sharing program on a computer.

(S: Burchett; H: Harwell) SB 3407/HB 3523

Public Chapter 1051
(Effective 6/21/10)

Video streaming of board meetings. Requires the State Board of Education, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the Tennessee Board of Regents, and the UT Board of Trustees to provide video streaming of the respective entity's meetings. Requires archived videos of the entity's meetings to be available on their website.

(S: Burks; H: Winningham) SB 2407/HB 2474

Legal	
<u>Public Chapter 793</u> (Effective 7/01/10)	Allows person without handgun permit to transport a rifle or shotgun in a vehicle. Creates an exception to unlawful carrying or possession of a firearm that allows a person who is not authorized to possess a handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351 to transport a rifle or shotgun in or on a privately-owned motor vehicle as long as the rifle or shotgun does not have ammunition in the chamber or cylinder and no clip or magazine containing ammunition is inserted in the rifle or shotgun or is in close proximity to both the weapon and any person. This exception does not overrule the restriction on firearms in or on school property. (S: Jackson; H: Fincher) SB 2390/HB 2567
<u>Public Chapter 1030</u> (Effective 6/11/10)	Reporting of president emeritus pay. Adds the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis as a recipient of written notice of president emeritus appointments for which compensation or remuneration will be paid. (S: Jackson; H: Fitzhugh) SB 3474/HB 3295
<u>Public Chapter 1085</u> (Effective 6/23/10)	UAPA – Continuation of permanent rules. Continues certain permanent rules filed with Secretary of State after January 1, 2009.
<u>Public Chapter 1091</u> (Effective 6/23/10)	Foreign call centers. Requires promulgation of regulations authorizing a preference in the evaluation of proposals for state contracts requiring the performance of call center services for vendors through whom such services will be solely provided by citizens of the United States who reside in the United States, or any person authorized to work in the United States pursuant to federal law, including legal resident aliens in the United States. (S: Stewart; H: Cobb) SB 2839/HB 2822
<u>Public Chapter 1098</u> (Effective 10/1/11)	Procurement Commission. Creates a procurement commission, and state protest committee, procurement office, and an advisory council on state procurement and regulates the procurement, management, contracting, and disposal of goods and services by the state. (S: Ketron; H: Curtiss) SB 3598/HB 3353
<u>Public Chapter 1125</u> (Effective 6/29/10)	UAPA – Emergency rules. Requires a rule-making hearing be conducted for all permanent rules that were previously filed as emergency rules, unless the emergency rule was filed to avoid the loss of federal funds. (S: Marrero; H: Kernell) SB 3385/HB 3475

Lottery

<p><u>Public Chapter 838</u> (Effective 4/30/10)</p>	<p>Requires annual report on lottery for education after school program's system of competitive grants. Requires the commissioner of education to file the annual report on the lottery for education after school program's system of competitive grants and technical assistance with the chairs of the house and senate education committees. (S: Berke; H: Brown) SB 980/HB 1870</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 839</u> (Effective 4/30/10)</p>	<p>Requires THEC to study the GAMS award. Requires THEC to study and include in its required report an analysis of the General Assembly Merit Scholarship program and its success in promoting exceptional academic achievement in college. Specifically, THEC shall report the number of students in each class who retain General Assembly Merit Scholarships throughout their college careers and the number of students who do not retain General Assembly Scholarships and the reasons therefore. THEC shall analyze whether the retention standards for General Assembly Scholarships should be increased to promote further exceptional academic achievement in college. (S: Berke; H: Brown) SB 1317/HB 1862</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1081</u> (Effective 6/23/10)</p>	<p>Commissioner of education to study lottery after school programs. Urges the commissioner of education to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot after school programs funded by the lottery in increasing ACT and SAT scores, eligibility for lottery scholarships, and enrollment in postsecondary institutions. (S: Berke; H: Brown) SB 981/HB 1869</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 1141</u> (Effective Starting Academic Year 2010-2011)</p>	<p>Extension of lottery scholarship eligibility to Hiwassee, Knox College, and Tennessee Temple. Extends the eligibility of lottery scholarships to students attending Hiwassee, Knox College and Tennessee Temple. Phases in the program by beginning with eligible incoming freshmen. (S: McNally; H: Matlock) SB 2899/HB 3479</p>
<p><u>Letter to Lt. Governor Ramsey</u></p>	<p>Creation of the Lottery Stabilization Task Force. Creates a task force to be appointed by Lt. Governor Ramsey to make recommendations to keep the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) program viable long-term. The goal is to limit the use of lottery reserves and ensure the scholarships are there for students who earn them. Members include the chairman and vice chairman of education committees, the chairman and vice chairman of finance committees, the comptroller, the treasurer, the secretary of state, and one representative from each of the following entities: THEC/TSAC, TBR, UT and the independent colleges.</p>

Medical and Allied Health

Public Chapter 862
(Effective 4/30/10)

Enacts the “Colby Stansberry Act” relative to the authorized release of medical or hospital records, photographs, and videos. Requires health care providers to have a policy in place that limits the use and disclosure of medical records, images, videos, or pictures intended to be used for appropriate medical educational purposes. The policy must include when and to whom it is appropriate to use and disclose the patient’s information and when a written authorization from the patient or his or her authorized representative is required prior to use or disclosure.
(S:Bunch; H: K. Brooks) SB 2563/HB 2651

Public Chapter 1078
(Effective 6/23/10)

Medical School Authorities Act. Authorizes the establishment of medical school authorities which would establish projects to create, maintain, and operate facilities dedicated for public use to be used for a medical school, dental school, and biomedical research facility or to offer nursing degree programs or allied health profession degree programs.
(S: Faulk; H: Mumpower) SB 131/HB 193

Technology Centers

Public Chapter 844
(Effective 4/30/10)

Relative to geographic information system technology. Directs the State Board of Education and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to study the issues relating to and the benefits associated with appropriately integrating geographic information technology into school curricula for career and technical education and/or adult education, respectively.
(S: Ford; H: Cooper) SB 2767/HB 2641