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ACADEMICS

<p><u>Public Chapter 204</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>American history course requirement for higher education. No person shall be granted a baccalaureate degree of any kind from any institution of higher learning supported or maintained by the state, or from any community college supported or maintained by the state, unless the person has earned credit in American history, consisting of six (6) semester hours or nine (9) quarter hours. Persons who pursue baccalaureate degrees in those areas of study exempted either by regulation of the board of regents or by regulations or delegated authority of the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee, are not required to meet the requirements of this section if they have successfully completed a course in American history in high school. (S: Barnes; H: Pitts) SB 1073/HB 0951</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 220</u> (Effective 5/18/2009)</p>	<p>Study of veterans' tuition relief programs. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission with the assistance of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation shall study tuition relief programs for veterans that have been enacted in other states and the feasibility of establishing such programs in Tennessee. THEC shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee by January 12th, 2010. (S: Southerland; H: Armstrong) SB 1693/HB 1219</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 243</u> (Effective 5/20/2009)</p>	<p>Lottery Scholarships - Continuation requirements for HOPE Scholarship. This bill clarifies present law by specifying that a student who has completed 72 semester hours or more, and who retains the HOPE scholarship based on maintaining full time enrollment and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75, must also maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 <i>"in the last semester in which the student attended full time" instead of "the semester immediately preceding the semester for which the scholarship is to be awarded."</i> (S: Woodson; H: Brooks, Harry) SB 0771/HB 1143</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 329</u> (Effective 6/01/2009)</p>	<p>Home Schools - recognition of diplomas of home school graduates. Specifies that diplomas issued by home schools and church related schools, in recognition of completion of secondary educational requirements, are to be recognized by all state and local governmental entities as having the same rights and privileges of diplomas issued by public school systems. This does not impact the eligibility for state lottery proceeds. (S: Bunch; H: Bell) SB 0433/HB 0431</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 457</u> (Effective 6/23/2009)</p>	<p>Center for Earthquake Research and Information - Sunset. Extends the Center for Earthquake Research and Information to June 30th, 2016. (S: Johnson J.; H: Lynn) SB 0338/HB 0991</p>

<p><u>Public Chapter 501</u> (Effective 6/25/2009)</p>	<p>Lottery Scholarships - Extends eligibility for the Helping Heroes Grants. As introduced, expands eligibility for helping heroes grants to include current members of a reserve or Tennessee National Guard unit who have served on active military service of the United States and who meet all other eligibility requirements for the grants; removes limitation on the number of recipients of helping heroes grants, but retains limitation on the amount to be expended for such grants. (S: Bunch; H: Watson E.) SB 0037/HB 0703</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 568</u> (Effective 7/01/09)</p>	<p>Tennessee Promise Zone Act. The bill requires the executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to convene a study group to meet to study the concept of a promise zone and the feasibility of a pilot project for promise zones in Memphis and Knoxville. The study group would consist of the president of the UT System, chief executive officer of the TBR, the mayors of the cities of Memphis and Knoxville and the county mayors of Shelby and Knox counties. THEC must report the results and recommendations of this study to the Senate Education Committee and House Education Committee by February 1, 2010. (S: Burchett; H: Cooper B.) SB 1561/HB 0885</p>

BUSINESS

<p><u>Public Chapter 19</u> (Effective 4/02/2009)</p>	<p>Higher Education and Technical Institutions Publications Committee - Sunset. Extends the Higher Education and Technical Institutions Publications Committee to June 30, 2015. (S: Johnson; H: Lynn) SB 0344/ HB 1019</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 99</u> (Effective 4/27/2009)</p>	<p>Public Funds - Letter to comptroller on internal control system of agency. Removes the requirement that the head of each executive agency shall submit to the commissioner of finance and administration and the comptroller of the treasury a letter acknowledging responsibility for maintaining the internal control system of the agency. (S: Kyle; H: Hardaway) SB 2235/ HB 2277</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 190</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Campus police officers to receive POST certificate. Clarifies that the Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) Commission will issue a certificate of compliance to any persons employed as campus police officers and public safety officers upon the officer's completion of an approved recruit training program. (S: Tracy; H: Dean) SB: 2161/HB 2170</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 350</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Vending machines on state property. Requires all vending machines installed on state property after July 1, 2009, including, but not limited to, those in schools, parks, office buildings, and parking garages, to use energy efficient lights for advertising purposes or have the lights used solely for advertising purposes removed entirely from the vending machine. Any light used solely for advertising purposes in an existing vending machine on state property that requires repair or replacement shall be replaced with an energy efficient light or removed entirely from the vending machine. (S: Tracy; H: Todd) SB 0395/HB 0616</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 352</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Renaming/correcting the names of certain community colleges. Removes the word "technical" from the names of the following community colleges: Chattanooga State Community College, Pellissippi State Community College, Northeast State Community College, and Nashville State Community College. Corrects the statutory reference to the "Community College in Southwest Tennessee" to accurately reflect the institution's name, "Southwest Tennessee Community College". (S: Woodson; H: McCormick) SB 0681/HB 1510</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 368</u> (Effective 6/05/2009)</p>	<p>Audit committee open and confidential meetings. As enacted, requires that certain meetings of an audit committee abide by public notice and public meeting provisions; authorizes confidential meetings in certain circumstances; classifies certain audit-related documents as confidential. (S: McNally; H: Fitzhugh) SB 2042/HB 1985</p>

<p><u>Public Chapter 529</u> (Vehicle fleet efficiencies and use of energy-efficient products became effective July 1, 2009)</p>	<p>Energy efficiency standards – State buildings and vehicles. Requires state government to achieve better energy efficiency in managing its buildings and vehicle fleet; makes the clean-energy technology sector eligible for Tennessee’s emerging industry tax credit; and promotes residential energy efficiency by streamlining the distribution of federal funds for weatherization of low-income homes and establishing a limited statewide residential building code for new construction in local areas that do not currently have minimum residential building standards. County commissions or city councils in areas without codes may vote to “opt out” their communities from this new provision by a two-thirds vote and will be required to renew their action from time to time. (S: Kyle; H: Winningham) SB 2300/HB 2318</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 587</u> (Effective 7/06/09)</p>	<p>State Employees - Longevity pay. Requires longevity pay to be issued either by a separate check or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) transaction unless the employee elects not to receive a separate longevity payment. (S: Haynes J.; H: Moore) SB 1466/HB 1573</p>

FACILITIES

<p><u>Public Chapter 210</u> (Effective 5/13/2009)</p>	<p>Convenience Fee – Cost of receiving construction plans. Allows the state fire marshal to implement a convenience fee to cover the costs of receiving construction plans, specifications, and related fees that are electronically submitted. Prohibits the amount of the convenience fee from exceeding the actual costs incurred in the submission of the plans, specifications or fees electronically. (S: Kyle; H: Cobb T.) SB 2241/HB 2329</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 529</u> (Vehicle fleet efficiencies and use of energy-efficient products became effective July 1, 2009)</p>	<p>Energy efficiency standards – State buildings and vehicles. Requires state government to achieve better energy efficiency in managing its buildings and vehicle fleet; makes the clean-energy technology sector eligible for Tennessee’s emerging industry tax credit; and promotes residential energy efficiency by streamlining the distribution of federal funds for weatherization of low-income homes and establishing a limited statewide residential building code for new construction in local areas that do not currently have minimum residential building standards. County commissions or city councils in areas without codes may vote to “opt out” their communities from this new provision by a two-thirds vote and will be required to renew their action from time to time. (S: Kyle; H: Winningham) SB 2300/HB 2318</p>

HUMAN RESOURCES

<p><u>Public Chapter 104</u> (Effective 4/27/2009)</p>	<p>Salaries and Benefits - Administration of sick leave. Requires the department of human resources to make determination regarding award of days from sick bank within 10 business days instead of within 10 calendar days. Extends the maximum continuous leave grant from sick bank from 20 to 30 days. (S: Kyle; H: Curtiss) SB 2245/HB 2256</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 142</u> (Effective 5/05/2009)</p>	<p>State Employees –TCRS service/salary credits if work hours reduced. Establishes provisions governing the amount of service and salary credit under the Tennessee consolidated retirement system (TCRS) for persons whose work hours are reduced due to reductions in funding levels. Revises present law approval and other requirements in regard to deferred and tax-sheltered compensation plans maintained on behalf of employees of institutions of higher education pursuant to federal law regarding tax sheltered annuity (TSA) plans. Revises requirements regarding disability allowances for TCRS members. Bill makes other revisions to present law regarding the retirement system. Amendment #1 specifies that the provisions regarding reduction of work hours/service salary credit will be effective only until June 30th, 2011. (S: McNally; H: Fitzhugh) SB 1359/HB 1367</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 155</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Criminal Offense - Providing false ID to obtain employment. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly manufacture, provide, transfer, or submit to any other person false identification for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining employment. Upon conviction of a violation, if it is determined that any person in connection with the violation is not lawfully present in the United States, the court would notify the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (S: Johnson J.; H: Carr) SB 0294/HB 0302</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 161</u> (Effective 5/07/2009)</p>	<p>Employees, Employers - Discharge of certain employees. Clarifies that the civil cause of action for the retaliatory discharge of an employee for reporting illegal activities applies to state employees, private employees, and certain persons paid by the federal government. (S: Woodson; H: Haynes R.) SB 0682/HB 1161</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 310</u> (Effective 5/27/2009)</p>	<p>Public Records – Employee information. Establishes that a public employee and former public employee’s bank account, individual health savings account information, retirement and pension account information is deemed confidential. (S: Norris; H: DeBerry L.) SB 1973/HB 2189</p>

<p><u>Public Chapter 329</u> (Effective 6/01/2009)</p>	<p>Home Schools - Recognition of diplomas of home school graduates. Specifies that diplomas issued by home schools and church related schools, in recognition of completion of secondary educational requirements, are to be recognized by all state departments, agencies, and commissions as well as other state and local entities as having the same rights and privileges of diplomas issued by public school systems. This does not impact the eligibility for state lottery proceeds. (S: Bunch; H: Bell) SB 0433/HB 0431</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 364</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Worker's Compensation. Specifies that an injured employee is not entitled to seek reconsideration of permanent partial disability benefits for injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2009 if the pre-injury employer is sold or acquired subsequent to receipt of such benefits and the injured employee continues to be employed by the successor employer at the same or higher pay or the employee declines an offer of employment with the successor employer at the same or higher pay. If the injured employee is entitled to seek reconsideration from the successor employer, requires the employee first to request a benefit review conference, and if no agreement is reached, then the employee has 90 days to file a complaint in court for additional permanent partial disability benefits. (S: Norris; H: Casada) SB 1567/HB 1471</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 407</u> (Effective 6/11/2009)</p>	<p>Worker's Compensation - Additional injuries that are currently not covered. This bill prohibits awards of workers' compensation when an injury or death is due to an employee's voluntary participation in recreational, social, athletic, or exercise activities whether or not the employer pays some or all of the costs thereof, unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Participation was expressly or impliedly required by the employer; (2) Participation produced a direct benefit to the employer beyond improvement in employee health and morale; (3) Participation was during work hours and was part of the employee's job duties; or (4) The injury occurred due to an unsafe condition during voluntary participation using facilities designated by, furnished by, or maintained by the employer on or off the employer's premises and the employer had actual knowledge of the unsafe condition and failed to curtail the activity or cure the unsafe condition. (S: Norris; H: Fitzhugh) SB 1909/HB 1500
<p><u>Public Chapter 438</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Pensions and Retirement Benefits - Reemployment without loss of retirement benefits. Authorizes any person retired for at least one year from the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to accept covered employment with a different employer without suspension of retirement benefits in certain circumstances. Provisions of this section shall cease to be effective on June 30, 2012. (S: McNally; H: Hackworth) SB 0529/HB 0352</p>

<p><u>Public Chapter 462</u> (See bill summary for effective dates)</p>	<p>Health Insurance –Responsibility for insurance coverage. <u>Sections 1 through 6</u> - Prohibit a health insurer from retroactively denying a previously paid claim instead of recouping amounts previously paid to health care providers. Prohibits a successor health insurer from denying a claim if the claim was submitted within 180 days of the date the claim was denied by the original health insurer or the covered person did not receive prior approval, but the successor insurer would normally grant authorization for the services rendered. Requires a policy of group accident and health insurance issued to an employer to contain a provision requiring the employer to notify the health insurer when any covered person ceases to be eligible for coverage. Sections 1 through 6 become effective October 1, 2009. <u>Section 7</u> - Specifies that, in order to ensure the original intent is followed and to prevent any entity from circumventing the time frames set up, only a health insurance entity or it's agent that contracts with health care providers or is responsible for paying contracted or non-contracted health care providers may seek to recover any payments made to those health care providers, and states that no other entity may pursue recoupments governed by this legislation. Section 7 became effective June 23, 2009. (S: Norris; H: Harwell) SB 0549/HB 0793</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 502</u> (Effective 1/01/2011)</p>	<p>Salaries and Benefits – Health insurance. Authorizes the State Insurance Committee, the Local Government Insurance Committee and the Local Education Insurance Committee to contract for, or delegate resolution of, the application of medical necessity guidelines. Requires that any proposed change in the group insurance plan for public employees that would place a tobacco surcharge on employees based on specific lifestyle choices not take effect until January 1, 2011. (S: Stewart E.; H: Matheny) SB 0205/HB 0280</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 526</u> (Effective 6/25/2009)</p>	<p>Workers Compensation – Verification of the immigration status of the injured employee. Restricts maximum permanent partial disability claims to one and one-half times the medical impairment rating if an employer verifies the immigration status of the injured employee in the manner directed by the bill. Requires an employer who does not take such steps to pay a sum of five times the medical impairment rating, with sum up to one and one-half times the medical impairment rating to be paid by employee’s insurer and additional three and one-half times medical impairment rating to be paid by the employer and become part of uninsured employers fund. (S: Tracy; H: Sargent) SB 2162/HB 1963</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 587</u> (Effective 7/06/2009)</p>	<p>State Employees - Longevity pay. Requires longevity pay to be issued either by a separate check or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) transaction unless the employee elects not to receive a separate longevity payment. (S: Haynes J.; H: Moore) SB 1466/HB 1573</p>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Public Chapter 295
(Effective 5/27/2009)

Public Contracts - Purchasing software for academic teaching and research. This bill allows for the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee system to: 1) Develop procedures to apply the present law policy described above to their constituent institutions. These procedures may include procedures describing the circumstances in which limitations below two times the value of the contract are permitted and procedures for obtaining permission from the appropriate official of the Tennessee Board of Regents or the University of Tennessee. 2) Purchase software for solely academic, teaching, or research purposes upon terms which may limit the contractor's liability or warranties, except for intentional torts, criminal acts, or fraudulent conduct. 3) Acquire software or services, materials, supplies and equipment free or at nominal cost upon terms which may limit the contractor's liability or warranties, except for intentional torts, criminal acts, or fraudulent conduct.
(S: Burks; H: Winningham) SB 0918/HB 0951

LEGAL

<p><u>Public Chapter 19</u> (Effective 4/02/2009)</p>	<p>Higher Education and Technical Institutions Publications Committee - Sunset. Extends the Higher Education and Technical Institutions Publications Committee to June 30, 2015. (S: Johnson; H: Lynn) SB 0344/ HB 1019</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 60</u> (Effective 4/15/2009)</p>	<p>Baccalaureate Education System Trust Board – Sunset. Extends the BEST Board to June 30, 2015. (S: Johnson; H: Lynn) SB 0336/HB 0994</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 90</u> (Effective 4/27/2009)</p>	<p>Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation - Sunset. Extends the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, Board of Directors to June 30th, 2014. (S:Johnson J.; H:Lynn) SB 1037/HB 1095</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 293</u> (Effective 5/27/2009)</p>	<p>Public Employees - Labor negotiations strategy sessions not open to public. Clarifies that during negotiations between representatives of public employee unions and representatives of state or local governmental entities, planning or strategy sessions of either set of representatives when meeting with the entity it represents are not open to the public. (S: Ketron; H: Todd) SB 0540/HB 1510</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 295</u> (Effective 5/27/2009)</p>	<p>Public Contracts - Purchasing software for academic teaching and research. This bill allows for the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee system to: 1) Develop procedures to apply the present law policy described above to their constituent institutions. These procedures may include procedures describing the circumstances in which limitations below two times the value of the contract are permitted and procedures for obtaining permission from the appropriate official of the Tennessee Board of Regents or the University of Tennessee. 2) Purchase software for solely academic, teaching, or research purposes upon terms which may limit the contractor's liability or warranties, except for intentional torts, criminal acts, or fraudulent conduct. 3) Acquire software or services, materials, supplies and equipment free or at nominal cost upon terms which may limit the contractor's liability or warranties, except for intentional torts, criminal acts, or fraudulent conduct. (S: Burks; H: Winningham) SB 0918/HB 0951</p>

<p><u>Public Chapter 352</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Renaming/correcting the names of certain community colleges. Removes the word “technical” from the names of the following community colleges: Chattanooga State Community College, Pellissippi State Community College, Northeast State Community College, and Nashville State Community College. Corrects the statutory reference to the “Community College in Southwest Tennessee” to accurately reflect the institution’s name, “Southwest Tennessee Community College”. (S: Woodson; H: McCormick) SB 0681/HB 1510</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 368</u> (Effective 6/05/2009)</p>	<p>Audit committee open and confidential meetings. As enacted, requires that certain meetings of an audit committee abide by public notice and public meeting provisions; authorizes confidential meetings in certain circumstances; classifies certain audit-related documents as confidential. (S: McNally; H: Fitzhugh) SB 2042/HB 1985</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 437</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Human Rights Commission – Title VI Compliance Plan. This bill requires the human rights commission to verify that all state governmental entities comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The full text of this bill specifies the duties that the commission will assume in order to effectively monitor for Title VI compliance. This bill requires state governmental entities that are subject to the requirements of Title VI to submit an annual compliance report to the commission. The commission will be required to annually publish a cumulative report for distribution to the governor, each member of the general assembly, and to each library designated as a depository of state records. Subject to appropriations, this bill requires the commission to provide diversity training to employees of each state department. (S: Harper; H: Hardaway) SB 0463/HB 0129</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 457</u> (Effective 6/23/2009)</p>	<p>Center for Earthquake Research and Information - Sunset. Extends the Center for Earthquake Research and Information to June 30th, 2016. (S: Johnson J.; H: Lynn) SB 0338/HB 0991</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 542</u> (Effective 6/25/2009)</p>	<p>Tennessee Board of Regents - Sunset. Extends the State University and Community College System, Board of Regents to June 30th, 2014. (S: Johnson J.; H: Lynn) SB 1049/ HB 1029</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 556</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Tennessee Ethics Commission – Merger. Creates the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance which will be made up of the existing Registry of Election Finance and Ethics Commission. Clarifies provisions regarding fees collected by the registry and commission. (S: Ketron; H: Todd) SB 0162/HB 0506</p>

<p><u>Public Chapter 560</u> (Effective 6/30/2009)</p>	<p>UAPA – Continuation of permanent rules. Continues certain permanent rules filed with the secretary of state after January 1, 2008. (S: Johnson J.; H: Lynn) SB 0371/HB 1089</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 566</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>UAPA revisions. Revises various provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. (S: Johnson J.; H: Lynn) SB 1388/HB 1815</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 567</u> (Effective 7/01/09)</p>	<p>Records related to security of government buildings. Records that are directly related to the security of government buildings are designated as classified and exempt from public disclosure. Specifies that surveillance recordings, whether recorded to audio or visual format, or both, except segments of such recordings may be made public when they include an act or incident involving public safety or security or possible criminal activity. Authorizes release of such recordings under certain circumstances. (S: Bunch; H: Watson E.) SB 0202/HB 0703</p>

MEDICAL & ALLIED HEALTH

<p><u>Public Chapter 69</u> (Effective 4/15/2009)</p>	<p>Psychologists - Doctoral clinical psychology students. Adds doctoral clinical psychology students in university-operated training clinics as being eligible to receive third-party reimbursement from any managed care plan or third party payer. (S: Burchett; H: Armstrong) SB 1547/HB 1654</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 403</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Nurses - Certified medical technicians. Certifies medication aides who may administer certain medications in nursing homes or assisted living facilities under the supervision of licenses nurses. (S: Black; H: Maggart) SB 0009/HB 1607</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 421</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Professions and Occupations - Practice of Polysomnography. Revises the present law definition of "practice of polysomnography" and the related scope of practice. Revises present law that requires respiratory therapists who provide polysomnography services to be credentialed as a registered polysomnographic technologist by the Board of Polysomnographic Technologists, or as a sleep disorders specialist by the National Board for Respiratory Care, or have undergone mechanism to document competency in polysomnography as independently approved by both the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care. (S: Watson; H: Maggart) SB 0726/HB 1495</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 576</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Creates the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force. (S: Tate; H: Armstrong) SB 1566/HB 1833</p>

STUDENTS

<p><u>Public Chapter 564</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Alcoholic offenses – Underage drinking. Creates a misdemeanor offense to knowingly allow a minor to drink or possess alcoholic beverages or knowingly fail to stop a minor from drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages while the minor is present on real property owned or otherwise possessed by the offender; establishes certain exceptions. (S: Tracy; H: Carr) SB 0038/HB 0250</p>
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TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

<p><u>Public Chapter 205</u> (Effective 5/13/2009)</p>	<p>Cooperative career and technical programs between LEAs. Requires the Tennessee Board of Regents to study the feasibility of cooperative career and technical programs between LEAs and Tennessee Technology Centers or other two-year institutions offering career and technical education. The TBR shall report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly before the second Tuesday in January 2010. (S: Finney; H: Cobb T.) SB 1084/HB 1306</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 329</u> (Effective 6/01/2009)</p>	<p>Home Schools - Recognition of diplomas of home school graduates. Specifies that diplomas issued by home schools and church related schools, in recognition of completion of secondary educational requirements, are to be recognized by all state and local governmental entities as having the same rights and privileges of diplomas issued by public school systems. This does not impact the eligibility for state lottery proceeds. (S: Bunch; H: Bell) SB 0433/HB 0431</p>

PUBLIC FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS

<p><u>Public Chapter 3</u> (Effective 3/10/2009)</p>	<p>Bond issuance – Chattanooga and Montgomery County. Authorizes the issuance of \$262,000,000 to provide funds to the Department of Finance and Administration to make grants to certain entities in Chattanooga and Montgomery County to provide for acquisition of equipment and acquisition, site preparation, erection, construction and equipment of sites and buildings, and infrastructure improvements and development. Funds were made available due to the state’s memoranda of understanding with Volkswagen Group of America to locate a new facility in Hamilton County and with Hemlock Semiconductor to locate a new facility in Montgomery County. (S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 0315/HB 0421</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 4</u> (Effective 3/10/2009)</p>	<p>Selling of bonds at private sale by funding board. Extends from June 30th, 2005 to June 30th, 2011, the date until which the funding board has discretion to sell bonds at private sale. (S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 0316/HB 0418</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 5</u> (Effective 3/10/2009)</p>	<p>Supplemental appropriations. Supplemental appropriations for the Volkswagen and Hemlock projects. (S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 0317/HB 0420</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 530</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Technical corrections. Makes certain revisions concerning assessment and collection of sales, privilege, and transfer taxes. Delays effective date of certain streamlined sales tax provisions until July 1, 2011. Revises certain tax credit provisions. (S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 2318/HB 2275</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 531</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Omnibus budget bill. Increases from 2% to 5.5 % the tax that all HMOs doing business in this state must pay on the gross amount of all dollars collected from an enrollee or on an enrollee’s behalf. Authorizes transfer of moneys from certain accounts and funds including the authorization and procedure for the Tennessee Student Assistance Commission to draw funds from the lottery for education account if no other lottery revenues are available to pay for lottery scholarships and grants. Makes the executive director of THEC the executive director of TSAC and provides for continued efforts to consolidate and create efficiencies between TSAC and THEC. (S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 2357/HB 2389</p>

<p><u>Public Chapter 554</u> (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Appropriations for FY 2008-2009 and FY 2009-2010.</p> <p><u>FY 09-10 Budget Provisions related to Higher Education (brief summary)</u></p> <p>Provides \$784,030 to match federal dollars for agricultural research, agricultural extension and forestry programs at TSU. (page 53)</p> <p>\$125,000 to match private dollars to fund a financial literacy program. (page 60)</p> <p>Provides funds to reimburse public higher education institutions and programs for payments of the professional privilege tax. (page 74, item 17)</p> <p>Provides for appropriation transfers to implement an administrative reorganization between TSAC and THEC. (page 77, item 19)</p> <p>Provides financial assistance to unemployed persons seeking educational services who reside in counties experiencing sustained high levels of unemployment. (page 77, item 20)</p> <p>Requires THEC to coordinate with other entities to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of the state obtaining the facilities, property and assets of Lambuth University. (page 77, item 21)</p> <p>401K funding continues at \$50 match per employee per month. (page 95)</p> <p>\$5.6 million to higher education to fund a group health insurance premium adjustment effective January 1, 2010. (page 120, item 13)</p> <p>(S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 2355/HB 2392</p>
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STUDIES

<p><u>Public Chapter 205</u> (Effective 5/13/2009)</p>	<p>Cooperative career and technical programs between LEAs. Requires the Tennessee Board of Regents to study the feasibility of cooperative career and technical programs between LEAs and Tennessee Technology Centers or other two-year institutions offering career and technical education. The TBR shall report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly before the second Tuesday in January 2010. (S: Finney; H: Cobb T.) SB 1084/HB 1306</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 220</u> (Effective 5/18/2009)</p>	<p>Study of veterans' tuition relief programs. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission with the assistance of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation shall study tuition relief programs for veterans that have been enacted in other states and the feasibility of establishing such programs in Tennessee. THEC shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee by January 12th, 2010. (S: Southerland; H: Armstrong) SB 1693/HB 1219</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 554</u> (page77, Item 22) (Effective 7/01/2009)</p>	<p>Lambuth University feasibility study. Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to coordinate with other entities to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of the state obtaining the facilities, property and assets of Lambuth University. Included in the study is also an evaluation of the campus' utilization to provide instruction by public higher education institution(s). (S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh) SB 2355/HB 2392</p>
<p><u>2008 Public Acts, Public Chapter 1142</u></p>	<p>Final Report - Laptop computers pilot project. Bill created a pilot project to provide laptop computers to 100 students in each grand division. Final report due to the senate and house education committees by September 1, 2009. (S: Woodson; H: Winningham) SB 611/HB 653</p>
<p><u>Public Chapter 568</u> (Effective 7/01/09)</p>	<p>Tennessee Promise Zone Act. The bill requires the executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to convene a study group to meet to study the concept of a promise zone and the feasibility of a pilot project for promise zones in Memphis and Knoxville. The study group would consist of the president of the UT System, chief executive officer of the TBR, the mayors of the cities of Memphis and Knoxville and the county mayors of Shelby and Knox counties. THEC must report the results and recommendations of this study to the Senate Education Committee and House Education Committee by February 1, 2010. (S: Burchett; H: Cooper B.) SB 1561/HB 0885</p>