State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 632

HOUSE BILL NO. 2472

By Representatives White, Hawk, Haston

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1973

By Senators Gresham, Crowe, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if the governor has declared that a state of emergency exists, then the executive director of the student assistance corporation may temporarily suspend, modify, or waive any deadline or other non-academic requirement in statute, rule, or policy of any financial aid program authorized by parts 2, 3, and 6-9 of this chapter. Any suspension, modification, or waiver made pursuant to this section must be for a specified period of time, as determined by the executive director of the student assistance corporation, to effectively administer the programs under this chapter.

(b) The executive director of the student assistance corporation shall report any statute, rule, or policy that the executive director temporarily suspends, modifies, or waives pursuant to subsection (a), within thirty (30) days of the suspension, modification, or waiver, to the chairpersons of the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives and to the speakers of the house of representatives and senate.

(c) This section is repealed on June 30, 2021.

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

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PASSED: March 19, 2020

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25th day of March 2020

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR