



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 152**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 834**

**By Lundberg, Bailey, Bowling, Haile, Hensley, Rose, Taylor**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1445

By Faison, Russell, Hardaway, Kumar, Lynn, Richey, Williams, Moody, Ragan, Todd, Howell,  
Hazlewood, Terry, Grills

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 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

#### **49-7-182.**

(a) A public postsecondary institution that provides internet access to students, faculty, staff, or the general public shall not allow an individual to access a social media platform using the institution's network if the platform is operated or hosted by a company based in the People's Republic of China. This section applies to internet services provided by an institution through a hard-wired or wireless network connection.

(b) This section does not apply to institutions or employees of such institutions if downloading, accessing, or using such a social media platform is necessary to perform:

- (1) Law enforcement activities;
- (2) Investigatory functions to carry out official duties for bona fide law enforcement, investigative, or public safety purposes; or
- (3) Audit, compliance, or legal functions of the institution.

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

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PASSED: March 23, 2023

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR