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.
SENATE BILL NO. 834

PASSED: March 23, 2023

RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13th day of April 2023

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR