

TICUA Policy Update

February 11, 2010

Governor Confirms Visit with TICUA Presidents

Governor Phil Bredesen's office has confirmed that he plans to meet with TICUA member Presidents at the upcoming TICUA Annual Meeting. The Wednesday morning event will begin with a conversation with Education Committee Chairs Senator Dolores Gresham and Representative Harry Brooks. The Governor's meeting, which will follow, will focus on the components of the recently passed Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 and the lottery scholarship shortfall.

For more information on the full TICUA Annual Meeting Agenda go to www.ticua.org/annual_meeting

UPMIFA Bill Passes Senate Commerce

Senator Doug Overbey successfully moved SB3046/HB3047 through the Senate Commerce Committee. The bill, once enacted, will raise the amount of a restricted fund from \$25,000 to \$150,000 which restrictions can be removed if the designated purpose cannot be utilized within a 20 year period. The bill will now go to Senate Calendar and Rules to be scheduled for the full Senate. The House companion bill is scheduled for this next week in the House Judiciary Civil Practice and Procedure Subcommittee.

Procurement and Indemnity Bills Scheduled

SB3512 which provides access to state negotiated contracts and services by TICUA members has been scheduled for next week's Senate Education calendar. Also on the Senate Education calendar is SB2793, which provides indemnification against lost or misused data for TICUA and its members once information is successfully transmitted to the state. The House companion of the indemnification bill is scheduled to be heard next week in the House Judiciary Civil Practice and Procedure Subcommittee.

Student Letter Writing Campaign Launched

Under the leadership of TICUA, the Tennessee Student Aid Alliance has launched its THANK YOU email campaign for students receiving the Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA). This is the state's only purely need-based aid program and serves about 25,000 students attending post-secondary institutions in Tennessee. Over 4,300 students receive \$4,000 grants through this program to attend a TICUA member institution.

Please encourage students who receive the TSAA to begin writing their emails of thanks today!