

- I. The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act and the Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registration, Verification and Tracking Act of 2004 require that whenever a sex offender becomes employed, enrolls as a student or volunteers at the College, he or she must complete or update the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) sexual offender registration/monitoring form and deliver it to TBI headquarters in Nashville. As defined in section 40-39-202 of the Tennessee Code, a “sexual offender” or a “violent sexual offender” means a person who is, or has been, convicted in this state of committing a sexual offense or a violent sexual offense, respectively, or who is, or has been, convicted in another state or another country, or who is, or has been, convicted in a federal or military court of committing an act which would have constituted a sexual offense if it had been committed in this state. A “sexual offense” or “violent sexual offense” means the commission of acts including, but not limited to, aggravated and statutory rape, sexual battery, sexual exploitation of a minor, aggravated prostitution, and kidnapping.
- II. Both acts designate certain information concerning a registered sexual offender as public information and therefore amend and supersede the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other federal and state laws that previously prohibited the disclosure of such personal information. Since the laws require the publication of information pertaining to sexual offenders employed, enrolled or volunteering at an educational institution, said publication does not constitute grounds for a grievance or complaint under college or Tennessee Board of Regents policies or procedures.

In compliance with the federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act and the Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registration, Verification and Tracking Act of 2004, members of the campus community may obtain the most recent information received from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) concerning sex offenders employed, enrolled or volunteering at this institution in the Safety and Security office. Information is also available on the TBI’s website listing of sexual offenders and violent sexual offenders located on the Internet at http://www.tbi.state.tn.us/sex_ofender_reg/sex_ofender_reg.shtml

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