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 50, Part 13, is amended by deleting the part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) The Tennessee Foreign Language Institute is transferred to and reestablished as a part of the Institute for Public Service and renamed the Tennessee Foreign Language Center.

(b) As a part of the Institute for Public Service, the Tennessee Foreign Language Center shall provide coordination and foreign language services to state and local government entities, as well as private entities. Programming may include, but is not limited to:

(1) Services in support of government, industrial recruitment, and economic and tourist development;

(2) Original research into issues related to foreign language, language instruction, and associated cultural considerations; and

(3) Providing publications, conducting educational conferences, and furnishing technical consultation, training, and field services in the areas of foreign language and culture.

(c)(1)(A) On July 1, 2018, the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute endowment fund shall be transferred from the state treasury to the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service. The fund shall be renamed the Tennessee Foreign Language Center endowment fund. The Institute for Public Service may receive private gifts and contributions for deposit in the Tennessee Foreign Language Center endowment fund for the benefit of the Tennessee Foreign Language Center.
SECTION 3. On July 1, 2018, all employees of the former Tennessee Foreign Language Institute shall become employees of the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service and shall be subject to the employment practices and policies of the University of Tennessee.

SECTION 4. On July 1, 2018, all funds, contracts, grants, and property, real and otherwise, of the former Tennessee Foreign Language Institute shall be transferred to the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.