

## Roane State Community College

Some of the legislative bills that will affect community colleges are still on track in the legislature. These include Governor Haslam's RECONNECT program that will use TN Promise funds for adults who do not have a degree and wish to go to college.

Senator Yager is still working on allocating more funding for middle college. The current amount is very small (\$1200 for the entire two years) with the students paying the remainder. Since these students are still in high school they are not eligible for TN Promise (last dollar) or Hope Scholarships. Scott County is expected to be the next county with a middle college.

The FOCUS Act is almost fully in place. This Act removed the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) as the governing body from Tennessee's four year universities. The TBR will be replaced by a unique governing board for each college. The TBR will continue to be the governing board for community colleges. Flora Tydings has been named the new head of TBR.

None of the guns on campus bill passed this year. These bills are opposed by the administrators of schools.

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