

HOUSE BILL 205

By Hodges

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 7, relative to tuition.

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:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Continuous enrollment" means a student is enrolled in the fall and spring semesters of a single academic year. Enrollment in summer semester or inter-session terms is not required;

(2) "Dependent child" means a natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of a service member;

(3) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means any public postsecondary institution operated by the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee system, the board of regents of the state university and community college system, or a local governing board of trustees of a state university that offers courses of instruction leading to a certificate or degree;

(4) "Service member" means a member of the United States armed forces who is engaged in active military service; and

(5) "Spouse" means the person to whom the service member is legally married.

(b) Notwithstanding §§ 49-8-104 and 49-9-105, an institution of higher education shall classify a student who is the spouse or dependent child of a service member who

has been transferred out of the state of Tennessee on military orders as an in-state student for tuition purposes, if the spouse or dependent child:

- (1) Was accepted for admission to an institution of higher education;
- (2) Was initially classified by the institution that accepted the spouse or dependent child for admission as a Tennessee resident for tuition purposes;
- (3) Enrolls as a student in the institution that initially classified the spouse or dependent child as a Tennessee resident for tuition purposes for the academic term for which the spouse or dependent child was accepted for admission; and
- (4) Maintains continuous enrollment in that institution.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to tuition classifications for the 2019-2020 academic year and each academic year thereafter.