

HOUSE BILL 313

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary
financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-914, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary, a student may receive the award of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for any semester or other period during the year in which the student is enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution and meets all applicable requirements for the scholarship. The award per semester or other period for full-time attendance shall be one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the applicable award per academic year determined pursuant to subsection (a), (b) or (c). TSAC shall determine the award per semester or other period for part-time attendance according to § 49-4-912.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-913(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following;

(a) Except as set forth in §§ 49-4-919, 49-4-930, 49-4-931 and 49-4-937, a student may receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship until the first of the following events:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

(2) The student has received the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for the equivalent of ten (10) full-time semesters; or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking Tennessee HOPE scholarships for the fall semester 2009 and thereafter.