HOUSE BILL 526

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to eligibility for Tennessee HOPE scholarships.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-935(a), is amended by deleting the following language:

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 49-4-905(b)(2) to the contrary, a student who graduates from a high school located in a neighboring state in a county contiguous to this state shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship as an entering freshman if the student:

and substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding § 49-4-905(b)(2), a student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship as an entering freshman if the student:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-935(a), is further amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (1) and by renumbering the subsequent subdivisions accordingly:

(1)

- (A) Graduates from a high school located in a neighboring state in a county contiguous to this state; or
- (B) Graduates from an out-of-state secondary school that is accredited by an accrediting association whose standards for accreditation TSAC determines are comparable to those of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking postsecondary financial assistance for the 2013-2014 academic year and academic years thereafter.