

# State of Tennessee

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 385**

#### **SENATE BILL NO. 691**

### By Jackson, Rose

Substituted for: House Bill No. 980

By White, Leatherwood, Moon, Camper, Helton, Cooper, Shaw, Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 49, relative to higher education.

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

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting instead the following:
  - (3) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means:
    - (A) A postsecondary institution that was:
    - (i) Eligible for the Tennessee education lottery scholarship, as defined in § 49-4-902, on July 1, 2013, and remains eligible thereafter; or
    - (ii) Eligible for the Tennessee education lottery scholarship, as defined in § 49-4-902(11)(D), on July 1, 2013, and thereafter, that:
      - (a) Develops an eligible postsecondary program leading to an associate degree; and
      - (b) Is a member of an accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States department of education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation; and
    - (B) A private, nonprofit technical school that:
    - (i) Has had its primary campus domiciled in this state for at least seventy-five (75) consecutive years;
      - (ii) Is accredited by the council on occupational education; and
    - (iii) In addition to offering diploma, certificate, and associate degree programs, offers a baccalaureate degree through an articulation agreement with a regionally accredited postsecondary institution;
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting instead the following:
  - (3) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means:
  - (A) A postsecondary institution that was eligible for the Tennessee education lottery scholarship, as defined in § 49-4-902, on July 1, 2013, and remains eligible thereafter; and
    - (B) A private, nonprofit technical school that:
    - (i) Has had its primary campus domiciled in this state for at least seventy-five (75) consecutive years;

- (ii) Is accredited by the council on occupational education; and
- (iii) In addition to offering diploma, certificate, and associate degree programs, offers a baccalaureate degree through an articulation agreement with a regionally accredited postsecondary institution;

SECTION 3. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it. Section 2 of this act shall take effect August 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED:	May 1, 2019
	RANDY McNALLY
	SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
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	GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROVED this _	<u>10±h</u> day of <u>May</u> 2019
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