

HOUSE BILL 1506

By Rogers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708, relative to the Tennessee Promise Scholarship.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(1)

(A) To be eligible for the scholarship a student shall be admitted to, and enrolled full-time in, an eligible postsecondary program in the fall term following:

(i) Graduation from an eligible high school;

(ii) Completion of high school as a Tennessee home school student;

(iii) Obtaining a GED<sup>®</sup> or HiSET<sup>®</sup> diploma; provided, that the student obtains the GED<sup>®</sup> or HiSET<sup>®</sup> diploma prior to the student reaching nineteen (19) years of age; or

(iv) Graduation from an out-of-state secondary school operated by the government of the United States, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association for the state in which the school is located, or accredited by an accrediting association recognized by the foreign nation in which the school is located. This subdivision (c)(1)(A)(iv) shall apply only to a dependent child of a military parent, as defined in § 49-4-926. Notwithstanding the definition of resident in subdivision (b)(8),

this subdivision (c)(1)(A)(iv) shall apply to dependent children as described in § 49-4-926(c); and

(B) Exceptions to initial enrollment may be made for extenuating circumstances as provided in rules promulgated by TSAC;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.