

HOUSE BILL 2198

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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 49-4-911, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (e):

(e)

(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), § 49-4-902 and § 49-4-913, a student may choose to have all grades from one (1) semester omitted from the student's Tennessee HOPE scholarship cumulative grade point average. The cumulative grade point average for HOPE scholarship purposes shall be calculated as if the student had not attended the eligible postsecondary institution during the semester for which the grades are omitted. The semester hours attempted in such semester shall not be counted in determining when a student's eligibility for the scholarship is checked under subdivision (a)(1).

(2) A student desiring to have all grades for one (1) semester omitted from the student's Tennessee HOPE scholarship cumulative grade point average shall notify the eligible postsecondary institution the student is attending and TSAC of this choice within two (2) weeks of the institution's notification to the student of the student's grades for that semester.

(3) The semester hours attempted by the student during the semester for which the student chooses to omit all grades from the student's Tennessee HOPE scholarship cumulative grade point average under subdivision (e)(1) shall

not count against the limitation on the number of semester hours attempted under § 49-4-913.

(4) TSAC shall not require the student to repay the scholarship for the semester for which the student chooses to omit all grades from the student's Tennessee HOPE scholarship cumulative grade point average and the student shall continue to be eligible to receive the scholarship until the first of the terminating events applicable to the student in § 49-4-913 occurs; except that the semester for which the student chooses to omit all grades from the student's cumulative grade point average shall not be considered in determining whether the student has attempted a total of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours at any postsecondary institution.

(5) Students may only request that all grades be omitted for a semester completed in the 2014-2015 academic year and academic years thereafter.

SECTION 2. TSAC shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.