

HOUSE BILL 2579

By Montgomery

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 49-4-902, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) "Full-time equivalent semester" means any semester or combination of semesters in which a student receives a full-time Tennessee HOPE scholarship award or the sum of the awards equals to a full-time award;

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

(2) The student has received the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for eight (8) full-time equivalent semesters;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-913(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) The student has received the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nine (9) full-time equivalent semesters;

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

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) to the contrary, the five-year and total semester limitations for a student who first receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students pursuant to § 49-4-931 beginning with the fall semester of 2009 or thereafter, shall be based on the sum of years or total

semesters attended while receiving the Tennessee HOPE scholarship or the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-919(a), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (2) and by renumbering the subsequent subdivision accordingly:

(2) The number of semesters that the student has received a Tennessee HOPE scholarship meets the limitation of § 49-4-913(b) or (c), as applicable to the student; or

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(g)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2)

(A) The student has received the Tennessee HOPE access grant or the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for eight (8) full-time equivalent semesters; or

(B) If the student is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program required to be more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length, the student has received the Tennessee HOPE access grant or the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nine (9) full-time equivalent semesters; or

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931(d), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (2) and by renumbering subsequent subdivisions accordingly:

(2) The sum of the number of full-time equivalent semesters that a nontraditional student has received either the Tennessee HOPE scholarship or the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students is eight (8) or, if the nontraditional student is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program required to be more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length, nine (9).

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-941, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.