

SENATE BILL 335

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2004 and Section 49-7-2022, relative to postsecondary education authorization.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2004(a)(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(6) A postsecondary educational institution that:

(A) Has had its primary campus domiciled in the same state for at least twenty (20) consecutive years, continues to have its primary campus domiciled in that state, and is:

(i) The primary campus;

(ii) Another location of the institution in the same state where the primary campus is domiciled; or

(iii) An alternate location, including a branch or satellite campus, located in a state other than the state where the primary campus is domiciled, but has been located in the state where the alternate location is presently located for at least twenty (20) consecutive years;

(B) Is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education and has been accredited by a recognized accreditor for at least twenty (20) consecutive years;

(C) Is chartered where its primary campus is domiciled as a not-for-profit entity and has continuously been so chartered for at least twenty (20) consecutive years;

(D) Meets and maintains financial standards acceptable to the accreditor for the purpose of maintaining accreditation or to the United States department of education for the purpose of being a Title IV eligible institution; and

(E) Completes an information request form under subdivision (b)(3);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2022(g), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(g) Institutions satisfying the requirements of this section and receiving optional expedited authorization shall not be subject to any other authorization requirements under this part, but shall remain subject to §§ 49-7-2012, 49-7-2013, 49-7-2014, 49-7-2015, 49-7-2016, and 49-7-2018.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.