

SENATE BILL 719

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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, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

49-4-942.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Dependent child" means a natural or adopted child or stepchild:

(A) Whose parent is a headquarters staff employee;

(B) Whose parent claims the child as a dependent for federal
income tax purposes;

(C) Who is under twenty-one (21) years of age; and

(D) Who resides in another nation only while the parent is on full-
time work assignment as a headquarters staff employee;

(2) "Qualified headquarters facility" has the same meaning as defined in
§ 67-6-224(b); and

(3) "Headquarters staff employee" has the same meaning as defined in §
67-6-224(b).

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, a student who is a
Tennessee citizen and a dependent child of a headquarters staff employee who is on
full-time work assignment in a foreign nation shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE
scholarship as an entering freshman if the student meets all eligibility requirements for
the scholarship, except that, while the parent is on full-time work assignment in another

nation, the student does not reside in Tennessee immediately preceding the date of application for financial assistance and the student does not meet the requirements of § 49-4-905(b)(2). To be eligible under this section, the student shall:

(1) Graduate from a high school that is accredited by a regional accrediting association as defined in § 49-4-902 in the foreign nation where the student's parent is on work assignment and meet the academic eligibility requirements of § 49-4-907(3); or

(2) Complete high school in a home school in the foreign nation where the student's parent is on work assignment and meet the eligibility requirements of § 49-4-908(2)(A).

(c) This section shall only apply to dependent children of headquarters staff employees who are on full-time work assignment in another nation for more than one (1) year and who were Tennessee residents before leaving the United States and intend to return to Tennessee upon completion of their assignment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds for the 2013-2014 academic year and academic years thereafter.