

SENATE BILL 810

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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 49-4-931, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (h):

(h)

(1) Notwithstanding the definition of nontraditional student in § 49-4-902, a student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship as a nontraditional student, if the student:

(A) Is twenty-five (25) years of age or older;

(B) Attends a Tennessee technology center and receives a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant;

(C) Enrolls in an eligible two-year or four-year postsecondary institution within three (3) years of completing a diploma from the technology center consisting of at least nine hundred (900) clock hours.

The provisions of § 49-4-902(26)(B) shall not apply with respect to students seeking a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students after completing a diploma at a Tennessee technology center with a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant; and

(D) Meets the requirements of subsection (a).

(2) This subsection shall apply to students who meet the requirements of subdivision (1) and who enter an eligible two-year or four-year postsecondary

institution in the fall semester 2013 or thereafter after completing a diploma at a technology center with a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

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