

SENATE BILL 892

By Burks

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 deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

§ 49-4-911. To continue to receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, a student shall maintain good standing as defined by the eligible postsecondary institution at which the student is enrolled and continue to meet all general requirements for the Tennessee HOPE scholarship.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-909(a), is amended by deleting subsection (5) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(5) Satisfy the requirements of § 49-4-911 applicable at the time of entrance into the eligible postsecondary institution;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-916, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) A student who receives a general assembly merit scholarship shall continue to be eligible for a general assembly merit scholarship, if the student meets all requirements of § 49-4-911.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-916, is amended by deleting subsections (d) and (e) in their entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(e), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e) TSAC shall review a student's eligibility at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted twenty-four (24) semester hours. If a student receiving a Tennessee HOPE access grant meets the requirements of § 49-4-911, then the student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship. If such student meets the requirements of § 49-4-915, then the student shall be eligible for an ASPIRE award.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-929, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) A student transferring to an eligible postsecondary institution under this section shall be in good standing at the institution from which the student is transferring.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) A nontraditional student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship at the end of the first semester in which the student has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 and has attempted a total of twelve (12) or more semester hours.

SECTION 8. 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 2009-2010 academic year and academic years thereafter.