

SENATE BILL 968

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, relative to the Tennessee reconnect
grant.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-944, is amended by deleting
subdivision (c)(5) and substituting:

(A) Be at least twenty-three (23) years of age by January 1 of the academic year
in which the student enrolls in courses leading to completion of an eligible program of
study, or be an independent student as determined by the FAFSA; or

(B)

(i)

(a) During the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year:

(1) Graduated from an eligible high school;

(2) Completed high school as a Tennessee home school
student;

(3) Obtained a GED® or HiSET® diploma; provided, that
the student obtained the GED® or HiSET® diploma prior to the
student reaching nineteen (19) years of age; or

(4) Graduated from an out-of-state secondary school
operated by the government of the United States, accredited by
the appropriate regional accrediting association for the state in
which the school is located, or accredited by an accrediting

association recognized by the foreign nation in which the school is located; and

(b) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age by January 1 of the academic year in which the student enrolls in courses leading to completion of an eligible program of study;

(ii) This subdivision (c)(5)(B) is repealed on January 1, 2027;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.