

SENATE BILL 1765

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 8; Title 49 and Title 50, relative to state  
employment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 30, Part 3, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) A state agency shall not require as a condition of eligibility for hire to a  
position in state employment that an applicant have a baccalaureate degree.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the knowledge, skills, or abilities required for  
the position for which an applicant is applying, as determined by the appointing authority,  
can only reasonably be obtained through a course of study in pursuit of, and culminating  
in the award of, a baccalaureate degree.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.