

SENATE BILL 2031

By Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 4, relative to financial aid.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (3):

(3) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means a postsecondary institution that is an eligible postsecondary institution under § 49-4-902, and a private, nonprofit technical school that:

- (A) Has had its primary campus domiciled in this state for at least seventy-five (75) consecutive years;
- (B) Is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education; and
- (C) In addition to offering diploma, certificate, and associate degree programs, offers a baccalaureate degree through an articulation agreement with a regionally accredited postsecondary institution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-944(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting instead the following:

(2) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means:

(A) A postsecondary institution that is eligible for the Tennessee education lottery scholarship, as defined in § 49-4-902, on July 1, 2013, and remains eligible thereafter; or

(B) A private, nonprofit technical school that:

- (i) Has had its primary campus domiciled in this state for at least seventy-five (75) consecutive years;

(ii) Is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education; and

(iii) In addition to offering diploma, certificate, and associate degree programs, offers a baccalaureate degree through an articulation agreement with a regionally accredited postsecondary institution;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-944(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) "Eligible program of study" means:

(A) A federal Title IV-eligible curriculum of courses leading to a certificate or associate degree; or

(B) A diploma, certificate, or associate degree program offered by an eligible postsecondary institution, as defined in subdivision (b)(2)(B); and

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking postsecondary financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year and each academic year thereafter.