

SENATE BILL 2473

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to financial assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-905(b)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(2)

(A) To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, a student must have:

(i) Graduated from an eligible high school;

(ii) Graduated from a high school located in this state that is not an eligible high school;

(iii) Completed high school in a home school program in this state;

(iv) Obtained a high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education; or

(v)

(a) Graduated from a high school located in another state;

and

(b) At least one (1) parent who:

(1) Resides in this state; and

(2) Has resided in this state for no less than the ten-year-period immediately preceding the date of the student's application for the scholarship.

(B) To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE access grant a student must have graduated from an eligible high school.

(3) This subsection (b) does not apply to students applying for Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grants.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-104(b)(2), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(2)(A) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(B) The board of regents and each state university board shall classify a student as a resident of this state, and charge the student in-state tuition, if the student is a citizen of the United States, and at least one (1) of the student's parents resides in this state and has resided in this state for no less than the ten-year-period immediately preceding the date of the student's application for admission.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.