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HOUSE BILL 660

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49. Chapter 9. relative to tuition and fees.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

The governing body of each public institution of higher education shall have the authority to determine the qualifications that students must possess to be eligible for payment of in-state tuition and fees. All students who are not eligible for in-state tuition shall pay the out-of-state tuition and fees set by the governing body.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-102, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b) and subdivisions (c)(1)-(3).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-104, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead:

The board of regents and each state university board shall have the authority to determine the qualifications that students must possess to be eligible for payment of instate tuition and fees. All students who are not eligible for in-state tuition shall pay the out-of-state tuition and fees set by the governing body.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-105, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead:

The board of trustees of the University of Tennessee shall have the authority to determine the qualifications that students must possess to be eligible for payment of instate tuition and fees. All students who are not eligible for in-state tuition shall pay the out-of-state tuition and fees set by the governing body.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-58-102(7), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

Does not include the exception from paying the out-of-state tuition authorized by Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.