



# Tennessee Senate

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 925

### SENATE BILL NO. 833

By Lundberg

Substituted for: House Bill No. 869

By Lafferty, Moody, Barrett, Lamberth, Terry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (5) and substituting instead the following:

(5) The appointed members, except for the faculty members appointed by the governor pursuant to subdivision (a)(3)(D) and the student member appointed by the governor pursuant to subsection (b), are subject to confirmation by the senate, but appointments are effective until adversely acted upon by the senate.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

( ) "In-demand occupation" has the same meaning as defined in § 49-4-902;

( ) "Quality non-degree credential" or "QNDC" has the same meaning as defined in § 49-4-902;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b)(4)(A)(i), is amended by deleting "certificate or diploma" and substituting "QNDC, certificate, or diploma".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(10), is amended by deleting "hours if required by the academic program in which the student is enrolled" and substituting "hours, as provided for in rules promulgated by TSAC".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

( ) "In-demand occupation" means an occupation for which there exists a high demand for a trained workforce in this state based on current job openings, hiring data, and future projections pursuant to § 49-7-112(b);

( ) "Quality non-degree credential" or "QNDC" means a credential, other than a degree or a diploma, the receipt of which indicates satisfactory completion of a workforce training program that:

(A) Has a defined curriculum, objectives, and results in the awarding of a credential upon successful completion;

(B) Culminates in an industry certification, but does not include participation in, or completion of, a program of professional development, continuing education, exam preparation, or similar objectives;

(C) May be articulated to other quality non-degree credentials, postsecondary degrees, or diploma programs;

(D) Qualifies an individual for an in-demand occupation; and

(E) Is not eligible for federal Title IV funding;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-921(a), is amended by deleting "diploma or certificate" and substituting "QNDC, diploma, or certificate".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(d)(1) A student may receive a dual enrollment grant for one (1) or more courses per semester at one (1) or more eligible postsecondary institutions.

(2) To be eligible for a dual enrollment grant for a semester beyond the first semester of the student's receipt of a dual enrollment grant, the student must continue to meet all eligibility requirements for the grant and must achieve:

(A) A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for all postsecondary courses attempted as a dual enrollment student while enrolled at a two-year or four-year eligible postsecondary institution; or

(B) A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for all postsecondary courses attempted as a dual enrollment student while enrolled at a Tennessee college of applied technology.

(3) Failure to maintain the grade point average requirement described in subdivision (d)(2)(A) or (d)(2)(B) permanently disqualifies the student from continuing eligibility for the grant at the type of institution at which the minimum grade point average was not maintained.

(4) Notwithstanding subdivisions (d)(2) and (d)(3), a student enrolled in a clock hour course that is not completed within one (1) semester maintains eligibility for the grant in the subsequent semester if the student attends the number of clock hours required for grant disbursement for the course and continues to meet all other eligibility requirements. Continuing eligibility under this subdivision (d)(4) applies to a student previously enrolled in a clock hour course who transfers to another eligible postsecondary institution in the subsequent semester.

SECTION 8. Section 1 of this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. Sections 2, 3, 5, and 6 of this act take effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it. Sections 4 and 7 of this act take effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 22, 2024

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR