

HOUSE BILL 1693

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to completion of college.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 11, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-7-1__. THEC in consultation with and with the cooperation of the University of Tennessee and the board of regents shall develop a program for the waiver of one hundred percent (100%) of the tuition for in-state students who have not been enrolled in an institution of higher education for five (5) or more years, but who need to complete four (4) or fewer courses to graduate with a baccalaureate degree. The tuition program shall waive only the tuition at public institutions of higher education for the last four (4) courses needed to graduate with a baccalaureate degree. The tuition waiver program shall also provide that any tuition waived shall be paid to the public institution of higher education that the student attends under the program, if the student fails to graduate within two (2) years of returning to school. The program may also provide that students who have been out of school for five (5) or more years and who need to complete more than four (4) courses to graduate with a baccalaureate degree may qualify for the tuition waiver program for the final four (4) courses needed to finish the degree program. The tuition waiver program shall be in effect for the 2012-2013 school year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.