HOUSE BILL 1853

By Kane

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to tuition for students from a border state.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-102, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead:

- (a) As used in this section, "border state" means Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri.
- (b) Residents of a border state who meet admission requirements and are admitted to a state institution of higher education shall qualify for in-state tuition and fees.
- (c) In the case of any question of admission between applicants who are residents of this state and applicants who are not residents of this state, the preference in admission shall be given to Tennessee residents who are equally qualified relative to nonresident applicants.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-105, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead:

- (1) As used in this section, "border state" means Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri.
- (2) Residents of a border state who meet admission requirements and are admitted to a school within the University of Tennessee system shall qualify for in-state tuition and fees.
- SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.