

HOUSE BILL 1912

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to the Tennessee HOPE scholarship.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding § 49-4-911(c), § 49-4-913(a), § 49-4-919(b), § 49-4-920(f), § 49-4-931(d), or another law to the contrary, a Tennessee HOPE scholarship student or a nontraditional Tennessee HOPE scholarship student who earned the student's first baccalaureate degree between July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023, in less than five (5) years from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution may continue to receive the scholarship upon resuming the student's education at an eligible postsecondary institution in pursuit of an advanced degree if the student continues to meet all other applicable eligibility requirements. The student is eligible for the scholarship until the first of the following events:

(1) The student has earned an advanced degree; or

(2) The sum of the number of years the student attended a postsecondary institution equals five (5) years.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.