

HOUSE BILL 2944

By Dennis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary
financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-937, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (b) and by redesignating current subsections (b) and (c) appropriately:

(b) Notwithstanding § 49-4-921(a)(3) or any other provision of this part to the contrary, a student who, upon completion of high school or obtaining a GED, applies to and enrolls in an eligible postsecondary institution that grants associate degrees and receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, shall be eligible for a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant; provided, that the student:

- (1) Receives an associate degree, but has not received a baccalaureate degree at the time of application for the Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant;
- (2) Is not ineligible for a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant under § 49-4-904;
- (3) Meets the requirements of § 49-4-905(a); and
- (4) Applies for a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant and enrolls in a Tennessee technology center within three (3) years of receiving an associate degree. Upon receipt of the Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant under this subsection, a student shall be ineligible for any further receipt of the Tennessee HOPE scholarship.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds for the 2012-2013 academic year and subsequent academic years.