

SENATE BILL 1164

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 7 and Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to eligibility for 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 49-4-708(b)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead:

(3) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means:

(A) A postsecondary institution that was eligible for the Tennessee education lottery scholarship, as defined in § 49-4-902, on July 1, 2013, and remains eligible thereafter; or

(B) An apprenticeship training program that:

(i) Is presented or sponsored by an association of a trade industry;

(ii) Is open to anyone:

(a) Eighteen (18) years of age or older; and

(b) With a high school diploma, GED® or HiSET®

diploma;

(iii) Allows students to work in the trade full-time while attending school;

(iv) Requires a basic knowledge of tools, safety, technology, codes, and the appropriate legal requirements and rules;

(v) Is certified by the United States department of labor, bureau of apprenticeship and training, and approved by the veteran's administration under the GI Bill; and

(vi) Is offered at a technology and trade center located within the state.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b)(1), is amended by deleting the words "a Tennessee college of applied technology" and substituting instead "a Tennessee college of applied technology or at an eligible postsecondary institution as defined in subdivision (b)(3)(B)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b)(4), is amended by deleting the words "at a Tennessee college of applied technology" and substituting instead "at a Tennessee college of applied technology or at an eligible postsecondary institution as defined in subdivision (b)(3)(B)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(3), is amended by deleting the words "at a Tennessee college of applied technology" and substituting instead "at a Tennessee college of applied technology or at an eligible postsecondary institution as defined in subdivision (b)(3)(B)".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead:

(A) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(5), the amount of the Tennessee Promise scholarship at an eligible four-year public postsecondary institution or an eligible private institution shall be the average cost of tuition and mandatory fees at the public two-year postsecondary institutions less all other gift aid. Gift aid shall be credited first to the average tuition and mandatory fees as described in subdivision (c)(5);

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(5), the amount of the Tennessee Promise scholarship at an eligible postsecondary institution as defined in subdivision (b)(3)(B) shall be the average cost of tuition and mandatory fees at the Tennessee colleges of

applied technology less all other gift aid. Gift aid shall be credited first to the average tuition and mandatory fees as described in subdivision (c)(5);

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, at 12:05 a.m., the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds for the 2015–2016 academic year and academic years thereafter.