

SENATE BILL 1951

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to tuition for undocumented aliens.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) A student at a board of regents institution of higher education shall not be charged out-of-state tuition if the student meets the following requirements:

(1) The student is a Tennessee resident but does meet the board of regents requirements to be domiciled in Tennessee due to the student's status as an undocumented alien;

(2) The student has attended school in this state for the five (5) years prior to graduation from high school; and

(3) The student fulfills the academic requirements set out in § 49-4-907(3).

(b) In order to maintain the in-state tuition rate, the student shall continue to meet the academic continuation requirements set out in § 49-4-911.

(c) As used in this section, "undocumented alien" means a person who has illegally entered or remained in the United States, as determined by the bureau of immigration and customs enforcement of the United States department of homeland security.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) A student at a University of Tennessee institution of higher education shall not be charged out-of-state tuition if the student meets the following requirements:

(1) The student is a Tennessee resident but does not meet the University of Tennessee requirements to be domiciled in Tennessee due to the student's status as an undocumented alien;

(2) The student has attended school in this state for the five (5) years prior to graduation from high school; and

(3) The student fulfills the academic requirements set out in § 49-4-907(3).

(b) In order to maintain the in-state tuition rate, the student shall continue to meet the academic continuation requirements set out in § 49-4-911.

(c) As used in this section, "undocumented alien" means a person who has illegally entered or remained in the United States, as determined by the bureau of immigration and customs enforcement of the United States department of homeland security.

SECTION 3. The board of regents and the University of Tennessee board of trustees are authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2014, and shall apply to the 2014-2015 academic year and all years thereafter, the public welfare requiring it.