

SENATE BILL 2220

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708 and Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to scholarships.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

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(A)

(i) To continue to receive a Tennessee Promise scholarship at an eligible two-year or four-year postsecondary institution, a student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

(ii) Eligible postsecondary institutions shall calculate a student's cumulative grade point average for purposes of this subdivision (c)(3)(A) as the higher of the grade point averages produced by:

(a) Using the institutional grading policy; or

(b) Using all credit hours attempted by the student as a scholarship recipient, regardless of whether the credit hours were attempted at the institution.

(B) To continue to receive a Tennessee Promise scholarship at a Tennessee college of applied technology, a student must maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(11), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subdivision and substituting instead:

TSAC is authorized to promulgate rules to establish deadlines for applications, appeal procedures for the denial or revocation of the scholarship, including the denial or revocation of the scholarship based on an eligible postsecondary institution's calculation of a student's cumulative grade point average, and to otherwise effectuate the purposes of this part.

SECTION 3. A student who became academically ineligible for the Tennessee Promise scholarship for any semester of the 2019-2020 academic year may apply for a retroactive award of the scholarship for a semester in which the student would have qualified for the scholarship under Section 1 of this act had the provision been in effect during the 2019-2020 academic year. TSAC may award the scholarship retroactively, if the student met all nonacademic requirements for the scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking continuation of Tennessee Promise scholarships beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year.