

SENATE BILL 2316

By Kelsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to financial aid.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-944(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting:

(2) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means:

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

(B) A private, nonprofit technical school that:

(i) Has had its primary campus domiciled in this state for at least seventy-five (75) consecutive years;

(ii) Is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education; and

(iii) In addition to offering diploma, certificate, and associate degree programs, offers a baccalaureate degree through an articulation agreement with a regionally accredited postsecondary institution;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-944(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting:

(3) "Eligible program of study" means:

(A) A federal Title IV-eligible curriculum of courses leading to a certificate or associate degree; or

(B) A diploma, certificate, or associate degree program offered by an eligible postsecondary institution, as defined in subdivision (b)(2)(B); and

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(11), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

For purposes of the Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant, a private, nonprofit technical school that:

- (i) Has had its primary campus domiciled in this state for at least seventy-five (75) consecutive years;
- (ii) Is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education; and
- (iii) In addition to offering diploma, certificate, and associate degree programs, offers a baccalaureate degree through an articulation agreement with a regionally accredited postsecondary institution;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(45), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

"Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant" means a grant, funded from net proceeds of the state lottery and awarded under this part, for coursework in an eligible program of study at a Tennessee college of applied technology operated by the board of regents of the state university and community college system or an eligible independent postsecondary institution as defined in subdivision (11)().

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-921, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting:

(a) To be eligible for a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant, a student seeking a diploma or certificate at a Tennessee college of applied technology operated by the board of regents of the state university and community college system or an eligible independent postsecondary institution as defined in § 49-4-902(11)() must:

(1) Meet the requirements of §§ 49-4-904 and 49-4-905(a); and

(2) Be admitted to the institution in a program of study leading to a certificate or diploma.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to students seeking postsecondary financial aid for the 2022-2023 academic year and each academic year thereafter.