

SENATE BILL 2815

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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 49-4-919(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as new subdivision (2):

(2)

(A) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (b)(1) to the contrary, a student receiving a Tennessee HOPE scholarship will be considered as maintaining continuous enrollment for HOPE scholarship purposes, if the student transfers from a eligible two- or four-year postsecondary institution at which the student is receiving a HOPE scholarship to a Tennessee technology center and subsequently back to an eligible two- or four-year postsecondary institution without any break in continuous enrollment in postsecondary institutions. To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship upon enrollment in an eligible two- or four-year institution after leaving the Tennessee technology center, such student shall:

(i) Meet the academic requirements of § 49-4-911 for continuation of a HOPE scholarship at the time the student leaves the eligible postsecondary institution, where the student is receiving the HOPE scholarship, to enroll in the Tennessee technology center. No

grades earned at the Tennessee technology center shall be use in calculating academic eligibility for a HOPE scholarship;

(ii) Leave the Tennessee technology center in good standing having maintained satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and practices used for federal Title IV programs by the technology center at which the student is enrolled; and

(iii) Meet all general requirements for a HOPE scholarship applicable to the student at the time of enrollment in the eligible two- or four- year postsecondary institution where the student is seeking restoration of the HOPE scholarship.

(B) A student shall be eligible to receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship under this subdivision (b)(2) until the first of the following events:

(i) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree; or

(ii) The sum of the number of years the student attended an eligible two- or four-year postsecondary institution prior to enrollment at the Tennessee technology center and the number of years of attendance at an eligible two- or four- year postsecondary institution after leaving the Tennessee technology center equals five (5) years.

SECTION 2. Any student who would have qualified under this act for the restoration of a HOPE scholarship at the time of enrollment in an eligible two-or four-year postsecondary institution, after leaving a Tennessee technology center, if such provisions had been in effect, may apply for restoration of the HOPE scholarship for the fall semester 2010, although the student enrolled in an eligible two- or four-year postsecondary institution after leaving a Tennessee technology center prior to the effective date of this act. A Tennessee HOPE scholarship restored pursuant to this section shall not be retroactive for any semester completed

prior to the restoration date. A Tennessee HOPE scholarship restored pursuant to this section shall terminate according to § 49-4-919(b)(2)(B).

SECTION 3. 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 2010-2011 academic year and academic years thereafter.