



## State of Tennessee

### PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 437

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 2010

By Representatives McCormick, Coley, Campbell, Shaw, Fitzhugh, Hardaway, Todd, Haynes, Lollar, Shepard, Don Miller

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1529

By Senators Norris, Tracy, Kelsey, Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, relative to Tennessee education lottery scholarships.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(2) is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) "Academic year" means:

(A) For students who first received the Tennessee HOPE scholarship, the Tennessee HOPE access grant or Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students in the fall semester 2009 or thereafter, three (3) consecutive semesters beginning with a fall semester and including the immediately following spring and summer semesters. This definition shall apply to the award of the Tennessee HOPE scholarship, the Tennessee HOPE access grant or Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students beginning with the fall semester 2011 for students.

(B) For students who first received the Tennessee HOPE scholarship, the Tennessee HOPE access grant or Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students prior to the fall semester 2009, a period of time, typically nine (9) months, in which a full-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of at least two (2) semesters of academic work.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-913 is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following subsections:

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section to the contrary, and except as set forth in subsections (c) and (d) and §§ 49-4-919, 49-4-920 and 49-4-941, a student who first receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship in the fall semester of 2009 or thereafter, may receive the scholarship until the first of the following events:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours; or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

(c) A student who first receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship in the fall semester of 2009 or thereafter and who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program required to be more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length may receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship until the first of the following events:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

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(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution the lesser of the number of semester hours required to earn the undergraduate degree or a total of one hundred thirty-six (136) semester hours; or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) to the contrary, the five (5) year and total semester hour limitations for a student who first receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students pursuant to § 49-4-931 beginning with the fall semester of 2009 or thereafter, shall be based on the sum of years or total semester hours attempted while receiving the Tennessee HOPE scholarship or the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-914, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (c) and by relettering the subsequent subsection appropriately:

(c) Beginning with the fall semester 2011, a student who first received the Tennessee HOPE scholarship, Tennessee HOPE access grant or Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students in the fall semester 2009 or thereafter may receive such scholarship or grant in the summer semester of an academic year as defined in § 49-4-902(2)(A) in addition to the receipt of the scholarship or grant in the fall and spring semesters of an academic year.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (f) of this section to the contrary, a student who first receives the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship after having received a Tennessee HOPE access grant, in the fall semester of 2009 or thereafter, may receive the scholarship until the first of the following events occurs:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

(2)

(A) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours; or

(B) If the student is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program required to be more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length, the lesser of:

(i) The number of semester hours required to earn the undergraduate degree; or

(ii) A total of one hundred thirty-six (136) semester hours;  
or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931 is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section to the contrary, a student who first receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students in the fall semester of 2009 or thereafter may receive the scholarship for nontraditional students until the first of the applicable events as outlined in § 49-4-913 occurs.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

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49-4-941. Notwithstanding any provision of this part concerning the terminating events for receipt of Tennessee HOPE scholarships, Tennessee HOPE access grants or Tennessee HOPE scholarships for nontraditional students to the contrary, semester hours attempted by a student in the summer semester 2011 for which the student did not receive postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds shall not be credited against the limitation on the number of semester hours under §§ 49-4-913, 49-4-920 or 49-4-931 that the student may receive such scholarships or grants.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to scholarships and grants awarded for the fall semester of 2011 and thereafter.

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PASSED: May 20, 2011

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of June 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR