



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 965

SENATE BILL NO. 1905

By Overbey, Finney, Massey, Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1876

By Ramsey, Miller, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-943, relative to STEP UP scholarships.

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

SECTION 1. (a) A student who was enrolled in the 2012-2013 academic year in an eligible postsecondary program as defined in § 49-4-943(a) and who is enrolled in the 2013-2014 academic year in the eligible postsecondary program for the student's second year of study shall be eligible for award of a STEP UP scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year; provided that the student meets the requirements of § 49-4-943 for receipt of the scholarship. Under this act, the student need not meet the requirement of Section 2 of Chapter 483 of the Public Acts of 2013 that a student be initially entering an eligible postsecondary program to receive the STEP UP scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year.

(b) TSAC shall require that students eligible, pursuant to subsection (a), for the STEP UP scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year apply for the scholarship within a designated time frame. TSAC shall notify all postsecondary institutions operating eligible postsecondary programs of the provisions of this act and the application requirements and deadlines that TSAC sets at least sixty (60) calendar days before the deadline to apply. Postsecondary institutions operating eligible postsecondary programs shall within five (5) business days of the receipt of TSAC's notification notify potentially eligible students and their parents or guardians of the opportunity to apply for the scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year and the application requirements and deadlines. Such postsecondary institutions shall, within five (5) business days of receipt of TSAC's notification, submit to TSAC the names and addresses of all students potentially eligible for the STEP UP scholarship under this act and the names and addresses of their parents or guardians. TSAC shall notify the students identified and their parents or guardians by mail of the opportunity to apply for the STEP UP scholarship under this act and the application requirements and deadlines within five (5) business days of the receipt of the postsecondary institution's list of the names and addresses of the students and their parents or guardians to TSAC. TSAC shall award the STEP UP scholarship to qualifying students as soon as possible after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 16, 2014



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of May 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR