



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 831**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1963**

**By Bell**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2162

By Matheny, John DeBerry, Kane, Favors, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, relative to postsecondary educational institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2003, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) "College" means:

(A) A unit of a university offering specialized degrees; or

(B) A postsecondary educational institution offering courses of study leading to a degree;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

An accredited postsecondary educational institution may not use the word "college" in its name without a qualifier, unless the institution:

(1) Meets the definition of "college" in § 49-7-2003;

(2) Has been approved by an accrediting body recognized by the United States department of education to offer degree level programs; and

(3) Offers or is seeking approval to offer at least one (1) degree program.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 10, 2014



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR

ADDENDUM TO SENATE BILL 1963

This bill has an effective date of April 28, 2014 in accordance with Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.