



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 971

SENATE BILL NO. 2039

By Harris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2505

By Turner, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, relative to students with learning disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b)(5), is amended by deleting the punctuation ";" at the end of the subdivision and substituting instead:

. "Full-time student" includes a student with a documented learning disability who receives accommodations because of the student's disability and who is unable to take twelve (12) semester hours per semester as a direct result of the student's disability; provided, that the student takes the maximum number of semester hours that is established by the eligible postsecondary institution as feasible for the student to attempt;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(8), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (A) and by adding the following language as subdivision (B):

(B) A student with a documented learning disability shall be eligible for the Tennessee Promise scholarship until the occurrence of the first of the following events:

(i) The student has earned a diploma or associate degree; or

(ii) The student has attended an eligible postsecondary institution as a Tennessee Promise scholarship student for the minimum number of semesters the eligible postsecondary institution establishes as feasible for the student to complete the course work for the diploma or degree the student is attempting to obtain, if the institution is on a semester system, or its equivalent if the institution is on a system other than a semester system. Such semester limit shall not include an approved leave of absence;

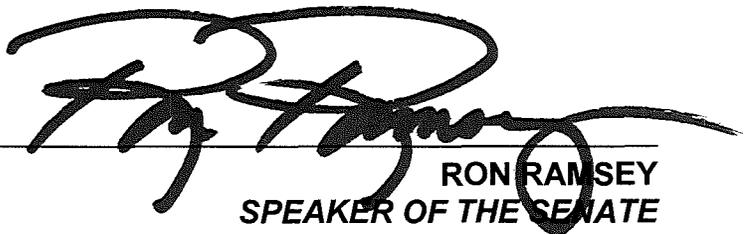
SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(10), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead:

(10) Notwithstanding the requirement of subdivisions (c)(1) and (c)(9)(A) that a Tennessee Promise scholarship student maintain full-time enrollment, a student who does not have a documented learning disability may enroll in fewer than twelve (12) semester hours if required by the academic program in which the student is enrolled. A student with a documented learning disability shall enroll each semester in the maximum number of semester hours that is established by the eligible postsecondary institution as feasible for the student to attempt; and

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking Tennessee Promise scholarships for their initial year of enrollment in the 2016-2017 academic year and in academic years thereafter.

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PASSED: April 19, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR