

SENATE BILL 1014

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 58; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter
8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to tuition.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) At the discretion of the board of regents, the state university governing boards, or the University of Tennessee board of trustees, an individual shall be exempt from paying out-of-state tuition at a state institution of higher education, if the individual:

(1) Attended school in this state for the two (2) years immediately prior to graduation from high school;

(2)

(A) Graduated from a Tennessee high school;

(B) Obtained a GED® or HiSET® credential awarded by a state-approved institution or organization; or

(C) Completed high school in a Tennessee home school program; and

(3) Is registered as an entering student or is enrolled at a state institution of higher education.

(b) The out-of-state tuition exemption in subsection (a) shall not apply to international students and trainees who are nonimmigrants within the meaning of 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(F), (a)(15)(H)(iii), (a)(15)(J), or (a)(15)(M).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-58-102(7), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

Does not include the exemption from paying the out-of-state tuition authorized by Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. The board of regents, the state university governing boards, and the University of Tennessee board of trustees are authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. All rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2017-2018 academic year and academic years thereafter.