

SENATE BILL 635

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

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:

The governing body of each public institution of higher education shall have the authority to determine the qualifications that students must possess to be eligible for payment of in-state tuition and fees. All students who are not eligible for in-state tuition shall pay the out-of-state tuition and fees set by the governing body.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-102, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b) and subdivisions (c)(1)-(3).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-104, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead:

The board of regents and each state university board shall have the authority to determine the qualifications that students must possess to be eligible for payment of in-state tuition and fees. All students who are not eligible for in-state tuition shall pay the out-of-state tuition and fees set by the governing body.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-105, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead:

The board of trustees of the University of Tennessee shall have the authority to determine the qualifications that students must possess to be eligible for payment of in-

state tuition and fees. All students who are not eligible for in-state tuition shall pay the out-of-state tuition and fees set by the governing body.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-58-102(7), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

Does not include the exception from paying the out-of-state tuition authorized by Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.