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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1633

House Bill No. 1675*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-201-121, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), TACIR is not required to prepare a report if the final federal emission guidelines approved by the EPA:

(1)

(A) Do not establish carbon dioxide emission control requirements for this state that are based on the decrease in carbon dioxide emission resulting from the operation of new nuclear-generating facilities currently under construction in this state; and

(B) Authorize this state to receive full credit for the decrease in carbon dioxide emissions resulting from nuclear-generating facilities under construction as of the effective date of Chapter 478 of the Public Acts of 2015, for purposes of demonstrating compliance with carbon dioxide emission control requirements under the final EPA emission guidelines; or

(2) Are based solely on measures that improve the efficiency of coal-fired electricity generating units.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 201, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:



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(a) The department shall develop a plan to implement the federal Affordable Clean Energy Rule (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ba) and submit the plan to the administrator of the EPA by November 1, 2020. The plan must not impose standards of performance or a compliance schedule that results in:

(1) The retirement of any existing coal-fired electricity generating unit; or

(2) An increase in price rates for electricity that exceeds one-half of one percent (0.5%).

(b) All owners of coal-fired electricity generating units that are subject to regulation under this part shall strive to expeditiously provide data and analyses to the department in order to enable the department to develop and submit an implementation plan as required under subsection (a).

SECTION 3. The department of environment and conservation must pay any costs associated with the implementation of this act from funds in the department's budgets for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2633

House Bill No. 2589*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a)(3), is amended by deleting the language "estimated to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more" in subdivision (A) and substituting instead "estimated to be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a)(3), is amended by deleting the language "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)" in subdivisions (B) and (C) and substituting instead "twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-111(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

(e) All contracts for goods in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) must be bid and must be approved by the governing body of the public charter school.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1212, is amended by deleting the language "LEA in accordance with § 49-2-203(a),".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1212, is further amended by adding the following language at the end of the section:

For purposes of this section, counties that have adopted the County Financial Management System of 1981, the County Purchasing Law of 1957, or that are similarly centralized for purchasing under a private act, are deemed to have a full-time purchasing agent.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect August 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.



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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2312

House Bill No. 2350*

by adding the language "mental health hospital;" after the language "ambulatory surgical treatment center;" in subdivision (9)(A) in SECTION 1.

AND FURTHER AMEND in SECTION 1 by deleting subdivision (9)(B)(vii); by deleting the language "or" after subdivision (9)(B)(vi); and by adding the language "or" after subdivision (9)(B)(v).

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following as a new appropriately designated subdivision in SECTION 1:

() "Micro mental health hospital" means a facility required to be licensed as a mental health hospital under title 33 that has no more than ten (10) beds for admitted patients;

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following to the amendatory language of SECTION 10 as a new subsection:

() This part does not require a certificate of need to establish or operate a micro mental health hospital in any county with a population less than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting from SECTION 10 the language "home health agency" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "home care organization".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the amendatory language of SECTION 14 and substituting instead the following:

(i) All costs of the contested case proceeding and any appeals, including the administrative law judge's costs and deposition costs, such as expert witness fees and



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reasonable attorney's fees, must be assessed against the losing party in the contested case. If there is more than one (1) losing party, then the costs must be divided equally among the losing parties. Costs must not be assessed against the agency or against any applicant for a certificate of need who is defending the approval of the applicant's certificate of need application.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting SECTION 17 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1614, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) The commissioner of health shall provide the agency with aggregate data from the hospital discharge database and ambulatory surgical treatment center discharge database within fourteen (14) business days from the commissioner's receipt of a request. The information must include aggregate data by state, county, or zip code, as requested. The information must not include any patient identifiers that would lead to a patient's identity, such as name or street address. All information received pursuant to this section must be available for public disclosure by the agency, as long as it does not contain any patient identifiers.

(b) The commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services shall provide the agency with aggregate data about nonresidential substitution-based treatment centers for opiate addiction licensed in Tennessee within fourteen (14) business days from the commissioner's receipt of a request. The information must include aggregate data about patient origin by state, county, or zip code, as requested, at licensee treatment centers in this state. The information must not include any patient identifiers that would lead to a patient's identity, such as name or street address. All information received pursuant to this section must be available for public disclosure by the agency, as long as it does not contain any patient identifiers.

(c) The commissioners of health, mental health and substance abuse services, and intellectual and developmental disabilities may submit written reports or statements

and they may also send representatives to testify before the agency to inform the agency with respect to applications.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the effective date section and substituting instead the following:

SECTION __. Section 23 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to certificate of need applications filed on or after that date.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1457

House Bill No. 1387*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-603, is amended by adding the following new subsection (d):

(d) If, on or after March 1, 2020, and before May 1, 2020, a residential building or improvement was demolished or destroyed by a severe storm, tornado, or straight-line wind in a county designated by the federal emergency management agency (FEMA) as eligible for individual assistance through a major disaster declaration, the annual assessment of the affected building or improvement in a county included in the FEMA declaration shall be prorated for tax year 2020 in the manner provided in subsection (a), for the actual time the building or improvement is destroyed and not replaced regardless of whether the building or improvement is restored or replaced by October 1, 2020; provided, that the total time the building or improvement is destroyed and not replaced, exceeds thirty (30) days. The owner must apply for this relief to the assessor by October 1, 2020, using a form approved by the director of the state division of property assessments. If the tax computed for tax year 2020 has been paid prior to the proration by the assessor, the county or municipality shall refund to the owner that portion of the tax paid that resulted from the revised assessment. This subsection (d) shall be effective retroactively to March 1, 2020, but shall not take effect as to any particular county or municipality unless approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of its governing body.

SECTION 2. It is the legislative intent that, subject to appropriation of funds in the general appropriations act, any loss in property tax revenue to counties and municipalities



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resulting from implementation of Section 1 be offset from available and remaining funds appropriated for disaster relief in Section 59 of Chapter 651 of the Public Acts of 2020.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the act which can be upheld without the invalid provision, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1829

House Bill No. 1626*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

June 19 of each year shall be observed as "Juneteenth," to be proclaimed as such by the governor, to honor and recognize the celebration of the action of Major General Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, who on June 19, 1865, two and one-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation took effect, announced to the people of Texas, which was the last territory to receive news of the proclamation due to its geographic and strategic isolation, that "all slaves are free." June 19th has been celebrated and recognized in African-American communities as "Juneteenth" for more than a century. This day shall not be a legal holiday as defined in § 15-1-101.

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



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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2677

House Bill No. 2760*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1.

The department of revenue is instructed to revise Rule 1320-05-01-.129 in an expedient manner to require out-of-state dealers to collect and remit sales taxes to the state if such dealers engage in the regular or systematic solicitation of consumers in this state through any means and make sales that exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to consumers in this state during the previous twelve-month period.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-501(f)(1), is amended by deleting the following language:

The marketplace facilitator made or facilitated total sales to consumers in this state of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or less during the previous twelve-month period;

and substituting instead the following:

The marketplace facilitator made or facilitated total sales to consumers in this state of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less during the previous twelve-month period;

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. Section 2 of this act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.



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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2207

House Bill No. 1593*

by deleting Section 4 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision under the subdivision defining the term "marketplace facilitator":

(C) Includes a peer-to-peer car sharing program as defined in § 67-4-1901;



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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2097*

House Bill No. 2157

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Financial Aid Simplification for Tennesseans (FAST) Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-102(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

The board of trustees of the University of Tennessee system, the Tennessee board of regents system, the state university boards, the Tennessee higher education commission, and the Tennessee student assistance corporation;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-303(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

Contracts of the Tennessee higher education commission, the Tennessee student assistance corporation, and all state colleges and universities operated by the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee, the board of regents, and the state university boards do not need to be approved by the chief procurement officer; however, these contracts are subject to applicable provisions of the rules and policies promulgated by the central procurement office and approved by the procurement commission; or

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(a)(10), is amended by deleting the subdivision.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-202(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:



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The Tennessee student assistance corporation is governed by a board of directors consisting of the governor, the commissioner of education, the state treasurer, the comptroller of the treasury, the commissioner of finance and administration, the president of the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association, the president of the Tennessee Proprietary Business School Association, the president of the University of Tennessee, the chancellor of the board of regents, the president of the Tennessee Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, two (2) students enrolled in an institution of higher education in Tennessee, and three (3) private citizens involved in the field of education, but not employed by or professionally affiliated with any institution of higher education in the state.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-202(d), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-202(e), is amended by deleting the language "the director of the higher education commission," and "the chair of the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by deleting the language "parts 2-7" wherever it appears in §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-202, and 49-4-203 and substituting the language "parts 2, 3, and 6-9".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-203(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-204, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

The Tennessee student assistance corporation is authorized and directed to promulgate rules governing the making of awards of financial assistance to students that the corporation deems necessary to carry out and to make effective the purposes of parts 2, 3, and 6-9 of this chapter.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-205, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-212(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

This program shall be available for participants who meet the eligibility criteria and complete an initial application no later than August 1, 2020, or a renewal application by the deadline published on the corporation's website each year thereafter. The availability of scholarship loans is subject to appropriation of funds in each year's general appropriations act.

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-301(a)(1), is amended by deleting the following language in subdivision (B):

Are enrolled or intend to enroll as full-time or part-time students in an institution of postsecondary education in this state that is either:

and substituting the following:

Are enrolled or intend to enroll in an eligible program of study as defined in § 49-4-902 as full-time or part-time students in an institution of postsecondary education in this state that is either:

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-304(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "parts 2-7 of this chapter and the policies" and substituting the language "this part and the policies and rules".

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, is amended by deleting Part 4.

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, is amended by deleting Part 5.

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-704(b)(7), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

"Resident" means a person who was a resident of this state as classified pursuant to § 49-8-104, at the time the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical service technician died or became totally and permanently disabled; and

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-705, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

The Christa McAuliffe Scholarship program terminates effective August 1, 2020, at which time all funds remaining in the program's investment principal and investment earnings accounts shall be added to the reserve balances held by the student assistance corporation for the student assistance award under § 49-4-301. The transfer of funds is subject to transfer in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-706, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting the following:

(a)

(1) The Tennessee student assistance corporation (TSAC) shall administer a minority teaching fellows program for talented Tennesseans who aspire to be teachers.

(2) Participation in the minority teaching fellows program is limited to:

(A) College juniors, seniors, and post-baccalaureate candidates admitted to educator preparation programs in this state who pledge to teach in the public schools of this state for up to four (4) years; and

(B) Students who received the minority teaching fellows program award prior to July 1, 2021, and who continue to maintain all eligibility requirements.

(3) Recipients must maintain continuous enrollment in a degree program leading to licensure as a teacher in a higher education institution within this state with an educator preparation program approved by the state board of education.

(4) Each fellowship award is in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and is renewable up to three (3) times, contingent upon satisfactory academic progress.

(5)

(A) Recipients who become public school teachers in this state shall receive forgiveness of the fellowship balance based on one (1) year's teaching service for each year the fellowship was awarded.

(B) TSAC shall forgive the loan if, within seven (7) years after graduation, the recipient teaches for three (3) consecutive years, unless the recipient takes an approved leave of absence, at a public school in an LEA that, at the time the recipient accepts employment with the LEA, is determined to be a school system that is marginal or in need of improvement as determined by the commissioner of education according to the school district accountability framework adopted by the state board of education. TSAC shall also forgive the loan because of the death or permanent disability of the recipient.

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

"Eligible program of study" means, beginning with the fall semester of 2021, a federal Title IV-eligible curriculum of courses leading to a certificate, diploma, or associate degree at an eligible postsecondary institution. Courses taken at a four-year postsecondary institution prior to admission in, or that fulfill prerequisite requirements for, an eligible program of study are not considered part of the eligible program of study;

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b)(8), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

"Resident" means a student classified as a resident of this state pursuant to § 49-8-104;

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(b)(10), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

"Tennessee Promise scholarship student" means a student admitted to and enrolled in an eligible program of study; and

SECTION 23. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(8), is amended by adding the language "certificate," before the language "diploma or associate degree" wherever it appears.

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(8)(B)(ii), is amended by deleting the language "diploma or degree" and substituting the language "certificate, diploma, or associate degree".

SECTION 25. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

"Eligible program of study" means, beginning with the fall semester of 2021, a federal Title IV-eligible curriculum of courses leading to a certificate, diploma, or an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible postsecondary institution;

SECTION 26. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(11), is amended by deleting subdivisions (B) and (C), and by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

() A private postsecondary institution accredited by a regional accrediting association that has its primary campus domiciled in this state;

SECTION 27. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(37), is amended by inserting the language "coursework in an eligible program of" before the language "study in pursuit of".

SECTION 28. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(38), is amended by inserting the language "coursework in an eligible program of" before the language "study in pursuit of".

SECTION 29. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(43), is amended by deleting the word "Weighted" and substituting the words "High school" and redesignating the subdivision accordingly.

SECTION 30. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(44), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

"Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant" means a grant for coursework in an eligible program of study at a Tennessee college of applied technology operated by the board of regents of the state university and community college system that is funded from net proceeds of the state lottery and awarded under this part.

SECTION 31. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-905(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(a) To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, Tennessee HOPE access grant, Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship or a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant, a student must:

- (1) Be a resident of this state, as classified pursuant to § 49-8-104;
- (2) Make application for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, Tennessee HOPE access grant, Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship, or Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant; and
- (3) Be admitted to an eligible postsecondary institution.

SECTION 32. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-907(3)(A), is amended by deleting the word "weighted".

SECTION 33. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-909(a)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

Be classified as a resident of this state, pursuant to § 49-8-104;

SECTION 34. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-909(a)(3), is amended by inserting the language "high school" before the language "grade point average".

SECTION 35. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-909, is amended by deleting subdivision (f)(2) and by deleting subdivision (e)(3) and substituting the following:

(e)

(3) Time enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution as a middle college scholarship student will not count towards the terminating events under § 49-4-913.

SECTION 36. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-913, is amended by deleting subsections (b), (c), and (d).

SECTION 37. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-916(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(a) To be eligible for a general assembly merit scholarship as an entering freshman, a student must:

- (1) Meet all requirements for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship;
- (2) Achieve a final high school grade point average of at least 3.75; and
- (3) Attain a composite ACT score of at least 29 on any single ACT test date or a concordant equivalent score on the SAT on any single SAT test date.

SECTION 38. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-919, is amended by deleting subsection (b).

SECTION 39. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

Submit an initial Tennessee HOPE access grant application no later than September 1, 2021, or a renewal application by the deadline published on TSAC's website each year thereafter;

SECTION 40. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(a)(5), is amended by deleting the language "overall weighted".

SECTION 41. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920, is amended by deleting subsection (g).

SECTION 42. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-923, is amended by deleting the language "a program of study leading to a certificate or diploma" in subsections (b) and (f) and substituting the language "an eligible program of study".

SECTION 43. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-927, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 44. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930(b)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

Is a resident of this state, as classified pursuant to § 49-8-104;

SECTION 45. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(c) A student receiving a dual enrollment grant may enroll in one (1) course per semester at an eligible postsecondary institution under the following conditions:

(1) To be eligible for a dual enrollment grant for a semester beyond the first semester of receipt in an academic year, the student must continue to meet all eligibility requirements for the grant and must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 for all postsecondary courses attempted under a dual enrollment grant; and

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), a student enrolled in a clock hour course that is not completed within one (1) semester, maintains eligibility for the grant in the subsequent semester so long as the student attends the number of clock hours required for grant disbursement for that course and continues to meet all eligibility requirements.

SECTION 46. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930(d)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the language "overall weighted".

SECTION 47. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, is amended by deleting subsections (h) and (i), and substituting the following:

(h) Notwithstanding subsection (g), it is the intent of the general assembly that the award for dual enrollment courses annually identified as high-need by TSAC's board of directors pursuant to this subsection (h) covers the cost of maintenance fees for no more than four (4) courses attempted by a student under the following limitations:

(1) The maximum award for courses at eligible two-year and four-year postsecondary institutions must not exceed the maintenance fees established annually for the community colleges by the state university and community college system; and

(2) The maximum award at Tennessee colleges of applied technology must not exceed the maintenance fees associated with the attempted average clock hours weighted by program participation among dual enrollment students. This award amount must be calculated annually using the maintenance fees established by the state university and community college system.

(i) TSAC's board of directors may consider the following reports, in addition to other relevant information, to identify high-need courses for which a student is eligible to receive an award described in this section:

(1) The annual workforce and credential report described in § 49-7-112; and

(2) The annual workforce needs report described in § 49-7-1209.

(j) TSAC is authorized to promulgate rules to establish award amounts at the eligible postsecondary institutions and to otherwise effectuate the purposes of this section. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 48. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931(a)(4), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (A) and adding the word "or" at the end of subdivision (B).

SECTION 49. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931(a)(4), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (C):

(C) Enroll in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible four-year postsecondary institution while maintaining continuous enrollment immediately following completion of an associate degree under the Tennessee reconnect grant, established in § 49-4-944;

SECTION 50. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931, is amended by deleting subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) and substituting the following:

(d) A student may receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students under this section until the first of the following events:

- (1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree; or
- (2) Five (5) years have passed since the student enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution as a nontraditional student.

(e) A nontraditional student shall not be eligible for an ASPIRE award for need under § 49-4-915 or a general assembly merit scholar supplemental award under § 49-4-916.

SECTION 51. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-935(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

Is a resident of this state, as classified pursuant to § 49-8-104;

SECTION 52. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-936(a)(7), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

Apply for a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship no later than August 1, 2020, or a renewal of a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship by the deadline published on TSAC's website each year thereafter.

SECTION 53. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-4-938(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "veteran" means a former member of the United States armed forces or a former or current member of a reserve or Tennessee National Guard unit who was called into active military service of the United States, as defined in § 58-1-102.

SECTION 54. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-938(c)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

Have been a resident of this state, as classified pursuant to § 49-8-104;

SECTION 55. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-938(c)(7), is amended by deleting the language "successfully completes" and substituting the language "is enrolled in".

SECTION 56. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-938(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

A veteran who qualifies for a helping heroes grant under this section is not required to meet any academic standard at the time of initial enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution to be eligible to receive the grant. A veteran may continue to be eligible to receive the grant by maintaining satisfactory academic progress as determined by the eligible postsecondary institution attended.

SECTION 57. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-938(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

A student who is enrolled in at least six (6) semester hours in a semester is eligible for a helping heroes grant. If a student is enrolled in twelve (12) or more semester hours, then the student receives the full amount of the grant as provided in subsection (f). If a student is enrolled in six (6) to eleven (11) semester hours, then the student receives one half (1/2) of the full grant. A student enrolled in fewer than six (6) semester hours in a semester is not eligible for the grant for that semester, but may subsequently be eligible for the grant in a semester in which the student is enrolled in at least six (6) semester hours if the student meets all other eligibility requirements during that semester.

SECTION 58. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-943(b)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

Have been a resident of this state, as classified pursuant to § 49-8-104;

SECTION 59. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-943(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, the amount of a Tennessee STEP UP scholarship is the same as the amount of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship awarded under § 49-4-914 to students attending an eligible postsecondary institution.

SECTION 60. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(31), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(31) "Regional accrediting association" means:

- (A) The Middle States Commission on Higher Education;
- (B) The New England Commission on Higher Education;
- (C) The Higher Learning Commission;
- (D) The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities;
- (E) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; or
- (F) The Western Association of Schools and Colleges;

SECTION 61. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by deleting subdivision (20).

SECTION 62. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-704(c), is amended by deleting the words "Tennessee resident" and substituting instead the words "resident of this state".

SECTION 63. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c), is amended by deleting the words "Tennessee residents" and substituting instead the words "residents of this state".

SECTION 64. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(10)(D), is amended by deleting the words "Tennessee residents" and substituting instead the words "residents of this state".

SECTION 65. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(10)(E), is amended by deleting the words "Tennessee resident" and substituting instead the words "resident of this state".

SECTION 66. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(36), is amended by deleting the words "Tennessee resident" and substituting instead the words "resident of this state".

SECTION 67. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-934(c), is amended by deleting the words "Tennessee residents" and substituting instead the words "residents of this state".

SECTION 68. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-942(c), is amended by deleting the words "Tennessee residents" and substituting instead the words "residents of this state".

SECTION 69. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-944(c)(3), is amended by deleting the words "Tennessee resident" and substituting instead the words "resident of this state".

SECTION 70. Sections 13, 19, 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 30, 35, 36, 38, 42, and 50 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it. All remaining sections of this act shall take effect August 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.