

SENATE BILL 9

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to students enrolled in public  
postsecondary institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-101, is amended by adding the following new subsections thereto:

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Domestic applicant" means any person claiming domicile in the United States;

(2) "International applicant" means any person claiming domicile outside of the United States;

(3) "SAVE program" means the federal systematic alien verification of entitlements program operated by the United States department of homeland security or any successor program;

(4) "SOLQ program" means the state online query system; and

(5) "SVES program" means the state verification exchange system;

(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, every domestic applicant to a public postsecondary institution in the board of regents system or the University of Tennessee system shall not be enrolled until the public postsecondary institution verifies that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States through the use of the SAVE program, the SOLQ program, the SVES program or any other such verification program.

(e) An international applicant shall not be enrolled in a public postsecondary institution in the board of regents system or the University of Tennessee system until the public postsecondary institution confirms that such international applicant has a valid F-1

or M-1 student visa, J-1 exchange visitor visa, H-4 visa, or other visa that permits such international applicant to be in the United States during the time of enrollment.

SECTION 2. The board of regents and the board of trustees for the University of Tennessee system shall implement the provisions of this act by using existing resources. If existing resources are insufficient, then the board of regents and the board of trustees for the University of Tennessee system may increase current fees or create new fees.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all applicants seeking admission for the fall semester of 2012 and any semester thereafter.