

HOUSE BILL 1091

By Kane

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 7, Part 20, relative to postsecondary
educational institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following as new sections thereto:

49-7-2021. No postsecondary education institution authorized under this part shall confer academic degrees or specialized degrees unless the postsecondary education institution has been approved to offer specialized or academic degree programs by an accrediting body recognized by the United States department of education. Institutions authorized by this part that have been approved by an accrediting body recognized by the United States department of education to confer academic degrees may award such degrees, using the same academic degree names that are commonly accepted and approved by postsecondary education institutions in this state.

49-7-2022. A postsecondary education institution authorized under this part shall have a process to consider the acceptance or transfer of academic credits from another postsecondary education institution authorized under this part that has been approved by an accrediting body recognized by the United States department of education by evaluating the applicability and quality of the academic work represented and shall not make acceptance or transfer of credit decisions based solely upon the regional or national accreditation of the institution from which the credit was received.

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