AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to general education course requirements in state institutions of higher education.

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) Beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year, the trustees of the University of Tennessee, each state university board, and the board of regents shall not require students enrolling in a state institution of higher education for the first time to complete more than six (6) credit hours of humanities course work to satisfy the institution's general education requirement toward an associate or baccalaureate degree.

(b) Beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year, the trustees of the University of Tennessee, each state university board, and the board of regents shall require students enrolling in a state institution of higher education for the first time to complete at least three (3) credit hours of economics course work to satisfy the institution's general education requirement toward an associate or baccalaureate degree.

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