

HOUSE BILL 719

By Hazlewood

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, relative to financial aid.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-944(c)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

Be an independent student;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-944(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

"Independent student" means:

(A) An independent student as determined by the FAFSA; or

(B) A student who is not eligible to be claimed as a dependent for federal tax purposes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 152;

SECTION 3. TSAC shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking eligibility for the Tennessee reconnect grant on or after that date.