

SENATE BILL 3620

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary
financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-903(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as new subdivision (2):

(2) THEC and TSAC shall study the limitation on receipt of Tennessee HOPE scholarships under § 49-4-913 with respect to degree programs, such as architecture, requiring more than one hundred thirty-six (136) semester hours. THEC shall request that the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association assist in the study. THEC shall report, in its report due the second Tuesday in January 2009, the number of such programs at eligible public postsecondary institutions, the number of such programs at eligible independent postsecondary institutions, the semester hours required for completion of such programs and the average length of time that students seeking such degrees attend college. THEC and TSAC shall make recommendations as to alterations of the Tennessee HOPE scholarship eligibility requirements to provide students receiving HOPE scholarships who are in such programs the opportunity to be awarded the HOPE scholarship throughout the program.

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