



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 492

HOUSE BILL NO. 353

By Representatives Daniel, Jerry Sexton, White, Cooper, Parkinson, Hardaway, Potts, Staples, Chism, Hodges, Miller, Lamar, Towns

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 571

By Senators Bowling, Niceley, Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 6, Part 1; Title 37; Title 38; Title 41; Title 49; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to occupational training.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Persons who receive certified comprehensive career and technical training in high school and post high school pursuant to § 49-11-104 are eligible to receive equivalent credit towards the receipt of professional and occupational licenses relating to the training received. This section applies to all professions and occupations regulated under title 62.

(b)

(1) The high school and post high school training received under this chapter must be consistent with the requirements for licensure by licensing authorities in order for persons to be eligible for equivalent credit under subsection (a).

(2) Any person aggrieved by the decision of a licensing authority concerning eligibility for equivalent credit under this section may appeal to the commissioner of commerce and insurance or the commissioner's designee for a determination of whether the training meets the requirements for licensure. An appeal under this subdivision (b)(2) must be conducted in the same manner as is provided in § 4-5-322, for a contested case hearing under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(c) The commissioner of commerce and insurance, in collaboration with the state board of education and the various departments charged with supervision of licensing authorities shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. All rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Persons who receive certified occupational, career, or technical training in schools or correctional institutions pursuant to this chapter are eligible to receive equivalent credit towards the receipt of an occupational license relating to the training received.

(b)

(1) The occupational, career, or technical training received pursuant to this chapter must be consistent with the requirements for licensure by licensing authorities in order for persons to be eligible for equivalent credit under subsection (a).

(2) Any person aggrieved by the decision of a licensing authority concerning eligibility for equivalent credit under this section may appeal to the commissioner of commerce and insurance or the commissioner's designee for a determination of whether the training meets the requirements for licensure. An appeal under this subdivision (b)(2) must be conducted in the same manner as is provided in § 4-5-322, for a contested case hearing under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(c) The commissioner of commerce and insurance, in collaboration with the commissioner of correction and the various departments charged with supervision of licensing authorities shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. All rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(d) This section applies to all professions and occupations regulated under title 62.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 2, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2019


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR