SENATE BILL 1318

By Berke

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 51 and Title 49, relative to uses of net lottery proceeds.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-910, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as new subsection (b):

(b) THEC shall study and report on the effect of HOPE scholarships on continuation of education by students who begin in their educations in eligible two-year postsecondary institutions and transfer to eligible four-year institutions. THEC shall include in its report required under § 49-4-903 information concerning such transfers, including, but not limited to, the number of Tennessee HOPE scholarship students in each year who graduate with a HOPE scholarship from eligible two-year postsecondary institutions and transfer with a HOPE scholarship to an eligible four-year postsecondary institution to complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree and the number of such Tennessee HOPE scholarship students who do not transfer to eligible postsecondary institutions. THEC shall also report the number of Tennessee HOPE scholarship students who transfer from eligible two-year postsecondary institutions without graduating to eligible four-year postsecondary institutions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.