

SENATE BILL 1963

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, relative to postsecondary educational institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2003, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "College" means:

(A) A unit of a university offering specialized degrees; or

(B) A postsecondary educational institution offering courses of study

leading to a degree;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

An accredited postsecondary educational institution may not use the word "college" in its name without a qualifier, unless the institution:

(1) Meets the definition of "college" in § 49-7-2003;

(2) Has been approved by an accrediting body recognized by the United States department of education to offer degree level programs; and

(3) Offers or is seeking approval to offer at least one (1) degree program.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.