

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 329

SENATE BILL NO. 433

**By Bunch, Gresham, Johnson, Beavers, Ketron, Woodson, Yager, Black,  
Faulk, Tracy, Burks**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 431

By Bell, Weaver, Evans, Carr, Dean, Floyd, Williams, Kevin Brooks, Watson,  
Lollar, Faulkner, Hill, Campfield, Hensley, Lynn, Dunn, Rich, Casada, Haynes,  
Swafford, Jim Cobb, Todd, Eldridge, Niceley, Dennis, Phillip Johnson, McManus,  
McCormick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3, relative to recognition  
of certain educational accomplishments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended  
by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 1-3-1\_\_\_. Notwithstanding any rule, regulation, or other provision  
of law to the contrary, a high school diploma awarded by a school as defined by  
Section 49-50-801 or Section 49-6-3050 in recognition of completion of  
secondary educational requirements shall be considered by all departments,  
agencies, commissions or other such entities of state and local government as  
having all the rights and privileges of a high school diploma awarded by a public  
school system. This section shall not apply to state lottery proceeds as provided  
in Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9.

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

**PASSED: May 18, 2009**



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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of June 2009



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR