

and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable, and that this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed May 21, 1937.

WALTER M. HAYNES,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

BYRON POFF,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved May 21, 1937.

GORDON BROWNING,
Governor.

CHAPTER NO. 256

HOUSE BILL No. 1223

(By Mr. Haynes.)

AN ACT to authorize and direct the State Board of Education to grant scholarships for colored persons; to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which such scholarships shall be granted and to provide for the payment of such scholarships out of appropriations made to the Agricultural and Industrial College for Negroes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee*, That the State Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to establish scholarships for colored students, payable out of the State appropriations made for the Agricultural and Industrial College for Negroes, under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. Such scholarships shall be granted to colored students to take professional courses not offered in said Agricultural and Industrial College for Ne-

groes, or other State-maintained institution for negroes, but which are offered for white students in the University of Tennessee.

Such scholarships shall be granted only to bona fide residents and citizens of this State who possess the qualifications, the health, character, ability and preparatory education required for admission to the University of Tennessee. Such scholarships shall be in an amount sufficient to give the recipient thereof educational facilities equal to those provided by the University of Tennessee, without cost to the recipients in excess of the cost which would be required to attend the University of Tennessee.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the scholarships herein provided for shall be granted to the nearest university or institution of learning which the recipient can lawfully attend and which offers educational facilities equal to those of the University of Tennessee, whether such university or institution is located in Tennessee or elsewhere. In determining the amount of each scholarship the State Board of Education shall take into consideration the living expenses, the cost of transportation and the tuition charges at the institution to be attended as compared with such expenses and charges at the University of Tennessee. The State Board of Education shall pay the amount of such scholarships to the recipient or to the institution attended by him as and when needed. Such payment shall be made out of the funds appropriated by the State for the Agricultural and Industrial College for Negroes, but in no event shall the total expenditure for such scholarships exceed that proportion of the appropriation for the Agricultural and Industrial College for Negroes which the expenditure of State funds for professional courses at the University of Ten-

nessee bears to the total State appropriation for the University of Tennessee.

“Provided, that the total expenditures under this Act shall not exceed the sum of Twenty-five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars per annum.”

The State Board of Education, acting as the Board of Trustees for the Agricultural and Industrial College for Negroes, is hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed May 21, 1937.

WALTER M. HAYNES,
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