

Senate Bill 367

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Golden of the 8th, Hamrick of the 30th, Marable of the 52nd and Cable of the 27th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to change eligibility requirements  
3 for certain students attending a private postsecondary institution less than 12 quarter or  
4 semester hours because of one or more disabilities; to provide for prorated awards for such  
5 students; to revise definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended in Code Section 20-3-519, relating to  
10 definitions, by inserting a new paragraph to be designated paragraph (5.1) to read as follows:

11 "(5.1) 'Disability' is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life  
12 activity."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said article is further amended in said Code Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions, by  
15 striking paragraph (11) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

16 "(11) 'Full-time student' means a matriculated student attending a postsecondary  
17 educational institution and enrolled for the equivalent of at least 12 quarter or semester  
18 hours or a student who is taking less than 12 quarter or semester hours because of one or  
19 more disabilities and who is considered by the student's postsecondary institution to be  
20 a full-time student."

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 Said article is further amended in Code Section 20-3-519.3, relating to eligibility  
23 requirements for a HOPE scholarship at a private postsecondary institution, by striking  
24 subsection (g) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 "(g) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly and provisions relating  
2 to the scholarship shortfall reserve subaccount in Code Section 50-27-13, a HOPE  
3 scholarship awarded under this Code section shall be not less than \$3,000.00 for any  
4 academic year, except for prorated awards to students considered by their postsecondary  
5 institution as full-time students who are taking less than 12 quarter or semester hours  
6 because of one or more disabilities."

7 **SECTION 4.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.