

House Bill 1205

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Murphy of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Walker of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Skipper of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 136<sup>th</sup> and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 5A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of  
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to North Georgia College Military Scholarships, so as to change  
3 the manner in which the remainder of abandoned scholarships is awarded; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Subpart 5A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
8 Annotated, relating to North Georgia College Military Scholarships, is amended by striking  
9 in its entirety Code Section 20-3-426, relating to the effect of failure to meet standards and  
10 requirements for continued eligibility for scholarship and the filling of vacancies, and  
11 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "20-3-426.

13 (a) If at any time a recipient of a scholarship fails to meet the standards and requirements  
14 for continued eligibility as provided by the selection committee pursuant to subsection (c)  
15 of Code Section 20-3-423, such recipient shall thereby lose eligibility for the scholarship  
16 and shall be obligated to repay the same as provided in Code Section 20-3-425. The  
17 selection committee shall promptly notify the authority when a recipient loses eligibility.

18 (b) In the event a scholarship recipient fails to meet the standards for retention or  
19 otherwise surrenders the scholarship, the committee may ~~award a three-year, two-year, or~~  
20 ~~one-year scholarship as appropriate to fill the vacancy and the scholarship shall begin in~~  
21 ~~September immediately following the award. Nominees for a three-year, two-year, or~~  
22 ~~one-year scholarship shall be submitted to the selection committee by the professor of~~  
23 ~~military science at North Georgia College~~ select a candidate to fill the vacancy for the  
24 remaining period of the scholarship. The nominees shall be required to meet all criteria  
25 established for the four-year scholarship ~~and they shall be selected from current members~~  
26 ~~of the college Corps of Cadets at large.~~ Such recipients of scholarships shall incur the same

1 obligations as a four-year scholarship recipient; provided, however, that such recipients of  
2 scholarships of less than four years shall only be required to serve the number of years in  
3 the Georgia Army National Guard or number of years of active duty service in the United  
4 States Army or number of years in a combination of service in the active army and the  
5 Georgia Army National Guard which corresponds to the period or number of years of such  
6 scholarship."

7 **SECTION 2.**

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