House Bill 961

By: Representatives Porter of the 143rd and McBee of the 88th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1	To amend Code Section 20-3-519 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2	definitions applicable to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to change the definition of the
3	term "eligible high school"; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4	for other purposes.

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SECTION 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

Code Section 20-3-519 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
applicable to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by striking in its entirety
paragraph (6) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (6) to read as follows:
"(6) 'Eligible high school' means a public or private secondary school which is:

11 (A) Located in Georgia and accredited as such by:

- 12 (i) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;
- 13 (ii) The Georgia Accrediting Commission;
- 14 (iii) The Georgia Association of Christian Schools;
- 15 (iv) The Association of Christian Schools International; or
- 16 (v) The Georgia Private School Accreditation Council; or
- 17 (vi) The Accrediting Commission for Independent Study; or

18 (B) Located in another state and accredited by one of the following regional agencies:

- 19 (i) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;
- 20 (ii) The New England Association of Schools and Colleges;
- 21 (iii) The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;
- 22 (iv) The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;
- 23 (v) The Northwestern Association of Schools and Colleges;
- 24 (vi) The Western Association of Schools and Colleges; or
- 25 (vii) The Alabama Independent School Association."

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SECTION 2.

- 2 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001.
- 3 **SECTION 3.**
- 4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.