

Senate Bill 287

By: Senator Hamrick of the 30th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions relative to tuition equalization grants, so as to change residency requirements for  
3 student eligibility; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
7 relative to tuition equalization grants, is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting in  
8 lieu thereof the following:

9 "(3) 'Eligible student' means a person who:

10 (A) Is enrolled in or accepted for enrollment as a full-time undergraduate level student  
11 in an approved school or as a graduate level student if funds are specifically  
12 appropriated in appropriations Acts of the General Assembly for payment of grants to  
13 graduate level students;

14 ~~(B) Is or will be a citizen of Georgia for a period of at least 12 months immediately~~  
15 ~~prior to each date of registration in the approved school~~ Meets requirements to be  
16 classified as a legal resident of Georgia as established by program regulations  
17 promulgated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission for HOPE scholarship  
18 eligibility, which regulations shall be based upon the in-state tuition policy of the board  
19 of regents;

20 (C) Is not knowingly promoting or engaging in any activity which is determined by the  
21 approved school's governing body to be detrimental to the school; and

22 (D) In the case of an approved school located outside the State of Georgia, is enrolled  
23 or accepted for enrollment therein at an academic level beyond the sophomore  
24 academic classification and whose home residence is, by the nearest practical route of  
25 travel, located within 50 road miles of the approved school and more than 50 road miles  
26 from the nearest four-year institution of the University System of Georgia."

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**SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.