

House Bill 1011

By: Representatives McBee of the 74th, Gardner of the 42nd, Post 3, and Borders of the 142nd

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 relative to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to add public and private schools
3 accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools to the definition of eligible
4 high schools for the purposes of the HOPE program; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-3-519 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
9 relative to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by striking paragraph (6) and inserting
10 in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(6) 'Eligible high school' means a public or private secondary school which is:

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

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

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

- 21 (i) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;
22 (ii) The New England Association of Schools and Colleges;
23 (iii) The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;
24 (iv) The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;
25 (v) The Northwestern Association of Schools and Colleges;
26 (vi) The Western Association of Schools and Colleges; ~~or~~

- 1 (vii) The Alabama Independent School Association; or
2 (viii) The Southern Association of Independent Schools."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.