

The House Committee on Higher Education offers the following substitute to SB 244:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 postsecondary education, so as to remove a restriction on tuition equalization grants for
3 summer school; to provide a limitation on the total number of semester hours or quarter
4 hours an eligible student may receive a tuition equalization grant; to provide for an effective
5 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary
9 education, is amended by striking Code Section 20-3-412, relating to entitlements to grants
10 as specified in appropriations Acts and restrictions on grants, and inserting in lieu thereof the
11 following:

12 "20-3-412.

13 Each eligible student is entitled to a tuition equalization grant each academic year, as
14 specified in appropriations Acts of the General Assembly. ~~No grant shall be made to a~~
15 ~~student for study during the period of any summer school quarter or semester unless~~
16 ~~specifically authorized in appropriations Acts of the General Assembly.~~ No grants shall be
17 made to graduate students unless specifically authorized in appropriations Acts of the
18 General Assembly. It is the intent of the General Assembly and the purpose of this program
19 to provide tuition equalization grants to all Georgia students attending approved schools
20 at all levels and throughout the entire calendar year whenever sufficient funds are available
21 to the state. In no event shall an eligible student receive a tuition equalization grant for
22 more than 127 semester hours or 190 quarter hours of his or her undergraduate program.
23 ~~No grant shall be made to any student not enrolled as a full-time student."~~

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2004.

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.