

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE TO SENATE BILL 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 exception
5 to the requirement for registration with the United States Selective Service System in order
6 to be eligible for HOPE scholarships and grants; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

14 "20-3-412.

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

SECTION 1.1.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-3-519.1, relating to ineligibility for scholarships or grants, by striking paragraph (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) Has not complied with United States Selective Service System requirements for registration, if such requirements are applicable to the student; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to a person who has served on active duty with United States military forces, whether as a member of the United States armed forces, a reservist, or a member of the National Guard;"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2004.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.