

House Bill 1116

By: Representatives Franklin of the 17th, Hines of the 35th, Amerson of the 9th, Coan of the 67th, Post 1, Douglas of the 73rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-519.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 ineligibility for a HOPE scholarship or grant, so as to provide a short title; to provide that any
3 person who has been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor shall forever be ineligible for
4 a scholarship or grant; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "HOPE Scholarship Preservation Act of
8 2004."

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10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Code Section 20-3-519.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ineligibility
12 for a HOPE scholarship or grant, is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting in lieu
13 thereof the following:

14 "(5) Has ever been convicted of a felony ~~offense involving marijuana, a controlled~~
15 ~~substance, or a dangerous drug as set out in Code Section 20-1-23 or 20-1-24 of the~~
16 ~~'Drug-free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990,' provided that such ineligibility extends~~
17 ~~from the date of conviction to the completion of the next academic term~~ or misdemeanor
18 offense. Such ineligibility shall be permanent;"

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.