

Senate Bill 475

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th and Reed of the 35th

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 HOPE, PROMISE, and PROMISE II scholarships and grants, so as to
3 provide that students who in combination with their parents have a maximum combined
4 federal adjusted gross income exceeding a certain amount shall be ineligible; to provide for
5 changing or eliminating such maximum allowable amount under certain circumstances; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-3-519.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ineligibility
10 for HOPE, PROMISE, and PROMISE II scholarships and grants, is amended by inserting
11 a new paragraph to read as follows:

12 "(2.1)(A) And his or her parents had adjusted gross incomes for federal income tax
13 purposes which, in combination (student and parents), exceeded \$66,000 for the most
14 recently completed federal tax year, except as otherwise provided by subparagraph (B)
15 of this paragraph.

16 (B) The Georgia Student Finance Commission is authorized to provide for any fiscal
17 year that:

18 (i) The maximum allowable combined federal adjusted gross incomes (student and
19 parents) for the most recently completed federal tax year shall be \$100,000; or

20 (ii) That there shall be no maximum allowable combined federal adjusted gross
21 incomes (student and parents) for the most recently completed federal tax year

22 if, in the judgment of the commission, the amount of funds available for scholarships
23 is sufficient to provide assistance for all of the estimated total number of students who
24 would thereby become eligible for a scholarship;"

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.