

House Bill 1369

By: Representative Franklin of the 17th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide for a review of the
3 academic performance of a HOPE scholarship recipient at the conclusion of every 18 quarter
4 hours or 12 semester hours for continuation of such scholarship; to provide for related
5 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by striking subsection (e) of Code
10 Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship at a public
11 postsecondary institution, and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (e) to read as
12 follows:

13 ~~"(e) A student who fails to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the~~
14 ~~end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attempted 45 quarter hours or 30~~
15 ~~semester hours may attend the next 45 quarter or 30 semester hours without a HOPE~~
16 ~~scholarship. An otherwise eligible student who regains a cumulative grade point average~~
17 ~~of at least 3.0 at the end of a quarter or semester in which the student has attempted 90~~
18 ~~quarter hours or 135 quarter hours or 60 semester hours or 90 semester hours may requalify~~
19 ~~for a HOPE scholarship.~~ The academic performance of students who receive HOPE
20 scholarships under the provisions of this Code section shall be reviewed at the conclusion
21 of each 18 quarter or 12 semester hours attempted and each multiple thereof. If, at any
22 such review, the student does not have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, the
23 student shall not be eligible for further HOPE scholarship funds unless the student
24 requalifies for a HOPE scholarship under subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by striking subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-519.3, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship at a private postsecondary institution, and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

~~“(e) An otherwise eligible student who fails to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attempted 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours may attend the next 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours without a HOPE scholarship. A student who regains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attempted 90 quarter hours or 60 semester hours may requalify for a HOPE scholarship. A student who regains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attempted 135 quarter hours or 90 semester hours may requalify for a HOPE scholarship.~~ The academic performance of students who receive HOPE scholarships under the provisions of this Code section shall be reviewed at the conclusion of each 18 quarter or 12 semester hours attempted and each multiple thereof. If, at any such review, the student does not have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, the student shall not be eligible for further HOPE scholarship funds unless the student requalifies for a HOPE scholarship under subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this Code section.”

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

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