

Senate Bill 446

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st and Hill of the 32nd

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 that a full-time student
3 at a public postsecondary institution can regain eligibility for a HOPE scholarship at the end
4 of any quarter or semester; to provide that a full-time student at a private postsecondary
5 institution can regain eligibility for a HOPE scholarship at the end of any quarter or semester;
6 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 ~~"(e)(1)(A) A full-time student who fails to maintain a cumulative grade point average~~
14 ~~of at least 3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attempted~~
15 ~~45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours may attend the next 45 quarter or 30 semester~~
16 ~~hours without a HOPE scholarship. An otherwise eligible full-time student who regains~~
17 ~~a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of a any quarter or semester~~
18 ~~in which the full-time student has attempted 90 or 135 quarter hours or 60 or 90~~
19 ~~semester hours may requalify for a HOPE scholarship.~~

20 (B) An otherwise eligible part-time student who regains or attains a cumulative grade
21 point average of at least 3.0 at the end of a quarter or semester in which the part-time
22 student has attempted 45, 90, or 135 quarter hours or 30, 60, or 90 semester hours may
23 attain or requalify for a HOPE scholarship.

24 (2) In addition to other requirements, and regardless of quarter hours or semester hours
25 of coursework attempted, a student who fails to possess a cumulative grade point average
26 of at least 3.0 at the end of each spring quarter or semester or at the end of three

1 consecutive quarters or semesters for a part-time student pursuant to paragraph (2) of
 2 subsection (b) of this Code section shall be ineligible for a HOPE scholarship until such
 3 time as the student regains or attains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at
 4 the end of any quarter or semester ~~one of the 45, 90, or 135 quarter hour grade point~~
 5 ~~average checkpoints or at one of the 30, 60, or 90 semester hour grade point average~~
 6 ~~checkpoints~~, at which time the student will regain or attain eligibility if other terms and
 7 conditions in this Code section are also satisfied."

8 SECTION 2.

9 Said part is further amended by striking subsection (e) of Code Section 20-3-519.3, relating
 10 to eligibility requirements for HOPE scholarships at private postsecondary institutions, and
 11 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(e)(1)(A) An otherwise eligible full-time student ~~who fails to maintain a cumulative~~
 13 ~~grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the~~
 14 ~~student has attempted 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours may attend the next 45~~
 15 ~~quarter hours or 30 semester hours without a HOPE scholarship. A full-time student~~
 16 who regains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the any
 17 ~~quarter or semester in which the full-time student has attempted 90 quarter hours or 60~~
 18 ~~semester hours may requalify for a HOPE scholarship. A full-time student who regains~~
 19 ~~a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in~~
 20 ~~which the full-time student has attempted 135 quarter hours or 90 semester hours may~~
 21 ~~requalify for a HOPE scholarship.~~

22 (B) An otherwise eligible half-time student who regains or attains a cumulative grade
 23 point average of at least 3.0 at the end of a quarter or semester in which the half-time
 24 student has attempted 45, 90, or 135 quarter hours or 30, 60, or 90 semester hours may
 25 attain or requalify for a HOPE scholarship.

26 (2) In addition to other requirements, and regardless of quarter or semester hours of
 27 coursework attempted, a student who fails to possess a cumulative grade point average
 28 of at least 3.0 at the end of each spring quarter or semester or at the end of three
 29 consecutive quarters or semesters for a half-time student pursuant to paragraph (2) of
 30 subsection (b) of this Code section shall be ineligible for a HOPE scholarship until such
 31 time as the student regains or attains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at
 32 the end of any quarter or semester ~~one of the 45, 90, or 135 quarter hour grade point~~
 33 ~~average checkpoints or at one of the 30, 60, or 90 semester hour grade point average~~
 34 ~~checkpoints~~, at which time the student will regain or attain eligibility if other terms and
 35 conditions in this Code section are also satisfied."

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SECTION 3.

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