

Senate Bill 506

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Shafer of the 48th and Unterman of the 45th

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 HOPE grants, so as to provide for a set
3 amount for mandatory fees for HOPE scholarships and HOPE grants for eligible public
4 postsecondary institutions created after January 1, 2004; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 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 HOPE grants, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of
10 subsection (h) of Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to HOPE scholarships at public
11 postsecondary institutions, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(h)(1) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly and provisions
13 relating to the Lottery for Education Account in Code Section 50-27-13, a HOPE
14 scholarship awarded under this Code section shall include tuition, approved mandatory
15 fees, and a book allowance not to exceed \$100.00 per quarter or \$150.00 per semester,
16 except as otherwise provided for in ~~paragraph (2)~~ paragraphs (2) and (3) of this
17 subsection."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said part is further amended by adding at the end of subsection (h) of said Code Section
20 20-3-519.2 a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

21 "(3) Paragraph (2) of this subsection shall not apply to an eligible public postsecondary
22 institution established by law on or after January 1, 2004. For any eligible public
23 postsecondary institution established on or after January 1, 2004, the amount of the
24 mandatory fees paid shall be equal to such amount or amounts initially approved for that
25 new eligible public postsecondary institution for its first year of operation by action of

1 the board of regents or the Department of Technical and Adult Education, as applicable,
2 except as otherwise provided for in Code Section 50-27-13."

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.