

The House Committee on Higher Education offers the following substitute to SB 415:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-485 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions relative to the Georgia HERO (Helping Educate Reservists and their Offspring)
3 Scholarship, so as to provide that a person evacuated from a combat zone due to severe
4 injuries shall be deemed to have completed a qualifying term of service; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-3-485 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
9 relative to the Georgia HERO (Helping Educate Reservists and their Offspring) Scholarship,
10 is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (5) to read
11 as follows:

12 "(5) 'Qualifying term of service' means deployment overseas for active service on or after
13 the effective date of this subpart to a location or locations outside of the United States and
14 its territories designated by the United States Department of Defense as a combat zone
15 for a consecutive period of at least 181 days or, in the case of an individual who is killed
16 or receives a 100 percent disability as a result of injuries received in such combat zone,
17 any period of time on active service in such combat zone; provided, however, that any
18 person who fails to serve the full 181 consecutive days because he or she was evacuated
19 from the combat zone due to severe injuries shall be deemed to have completed a
20 qualifying term of service."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.