

House Bill 131

By: Representative Horne of the 71st

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 surviving spouses shall be eligible students; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-3-485 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
8 relative to the Georgia HERO (Helping Educate Reservists and their Offspring) Scholarship,
9 is amended by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

10 "(2) 'Eligible student' means a person who:

11 (A)(i) Is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an approved school;

12 (ii) Meets residency requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Georgia as
13 established pursuant to regulations of the authority and who remains a citizen of the
14 state while receiving funds under this subpart; and

15 (iii) Is a member of the Georgia National Guard as such term is defined in Code
16 Section 38-2-3 or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United
17 States, which member has completed at least one qualifying term of service; ~~or~~

18 (B) Is a child:

19 (i) Whose parent was a member of the Georgia National Guard as such term is
20 defined in Code Section 38-2-3 or a member of a reserve component of the armed
21 forces of the United States, including a deceased member, which member completed
22 at least one qualifying term of service;

23 (ii) Who was born prior to such qualifying term of service or within nine months of
24 the beginning of such qualifying term of service; and

25 (iii) Is 25 years of age or younger who is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student
26 in an approved school; or

1 (C) Is a surviving spouse of:

2 (i) A deceased member of the Georgia National Guard as such term is defined in
3 Code Section 38-2-3; or

4 (ii) A deceased member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United
5 States,

6 who was killed in a combat zone or as a result of injuries received in a combat zone,
7 which member completed at least one qualifying term of service."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.