

House Bill 228

By: Representatives Porter of the 143rd, Hugley of the 133rd, Randall of the 138th, Ashe of the 56th, Jamieson of the 28th, and others

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 remove the hourly caps on
3 HOPE scholarships at public postsecondary institutions; to remove the hourly caps on HOPE
4 scholarships at private postsecondary institutions; to remove the hourly caps on HOPE grants
5 at a branch of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education; to provide for
6 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 revising subsection (g) of Code
11 Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for HOPE scholarships at public
12 postsecondary institutions, as follows:

13 ~~"(g)(1) Except as set out in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a A student may receive the~~
14 ~~HOPE scholarship until the first of these events:~~

15 ~~(A) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree; or~~

16 ~~(B) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of 190 quarter~~
17 ~~hours or 127 semester hours.~~

18 ~~(2) A student enrolled in an undergraduate or first professional degree program designed~~
19 ~~to be more than 190 quarter hours or 127 semester hours in length is eligible to receive~~
20 ~~the HOPE scholarship for the lesser of:~~

21 ~~(A) A total of 225 attempted quarter hours or 150 attempted semester hours; or~~

22 ~~(B) The number of hours required for graduation if the student has a cumulative grade~~
23 ~~point average of at least 3.0 after the term in which the student attempted 190 quarter~~
24 ~~hours or 127 semester hours."~~

