

House Bill 243

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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 revise the definition of  
3 "eligible postsecondary institution"; to provide that enrollment in postsecondary courses at  
4 a branch of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education will not count against  
5 the hourly caps for HOPE grants; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective  
6 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 style="text-align:center">**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 paragraph (7) of Code  
11 Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions relative to HOPE scholarships and grants, as  
12 follows:

13 "(7) 'Eligible postsecondary institution' means a school which is:

14 (A) A unit of the University System of Georgia;

15 (B) A branch of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education ~~or an~~  
16 ~~affiliated institution which is controlled by a local board of education;~~

17 (C) A private independent nonprofit postsecondary institution eligible for tuition  
18 equalization grants in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of paragraph  
19 (2) of Code Section 20-3-411; or

20 (D) A private proprietary postsecondary institution eligible for tuition equalization  
21 grants in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of Code  
22 Section 20-3-411."

**SECTION 2.**

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2 Said part is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 20-3-519.5, relating  
3 to eligibility for HOPE grants at a branch of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult  
4 Education, as follows:

5 "(e) No student may receive HOPE grants for more than 95 quarter hours or 63 semester  
6 hours of attempted coursework, except as provided for in subsection (f) of this Code  
7 section. No student may receive more than a cumulative total of 190 quarter hours or 127  
8 semester hours of combined HOPE scholarships and grants, unless in accordance with  
9 Code Sections 20-3-519.2 and 20-3-519.3. For purposes of this subsection, attempted  
10 hours shall not include hours for courses taken pursuant to Code Section 20-2-161.1."

**SECTION 3.**

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12 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
13 without such approval.

**SECTION 4.**

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