

House Bill 243

By: Representatives Hembree of the 67th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Smith of the 113th, Knight of the 126th, Gardner of the 57th, 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 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 **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.