

Senate Bill 492

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th and Harp of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-519 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions applicable to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to add an additional accrediting
3 entity to the definition of the term "eligible high school"; to provide for related matters; to
4 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 20-3-519 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
8 applicable to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by revising paragraph (6) as
9 follows:

10 "(6) 'Eligible high school' means a public or private secondary school which is:

11 (A) Located in Georgia and accredited as such by:

12 (i) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

13 (ii) The Georgia Accrediting Commission;

14 (iii) The Georgia Association of Christian Schools;

15 (iv) The Association of Christian Schools International;

16 (v) The Georgia Private School Accreditation Council;

17 (vi) The Accrediting Commission for Independent Study; or

18 (vii) The Southern Association of Independent Schools; or

19 (B) Located in another state and accredited by one of the following regional or state
20 accrediting entities agencies:

21 (i) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

22 (ii) The New England Association of Schools and Colleges;

23 (iii) The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;

24 (iv) The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;

25 (v) The Northwestern Association of Schools and Colleges;

26 (vi) The Western Association of Schools and Colleges;

- 1 (vii) The Alabama Independent School Association; ~~or~~
2 (viii) The Southern Association of Independent Schools; or
3 (ix) The Florida Council of Independent Schools."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.