

**ADOPTED**

Senator Bulloch of the 11th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the House Committee on Rules substitute to SB 492 (LC 33 2665S) by inserting after*  
 2 *"conditions;" on line 8 of page 1 the following:*

3 to provide that enrollment in postsecondary courses at a branch of the Georgia Department  
 4 of Technical and Adult Education will not count against the hourly caps for HOPE grants;

5 *By inserting between lines 7 and 8 of page 15 the following:*

**SECTION 4A.**

6 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new paragraph (5.1) and revising paragraph (7)  
 7 of Code Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions regarding HOPE scholarships and grants,  
 8 as follows:  
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10 "(5.1) 'Dual credit enrollment' means enrollment by a student in a postsecondary course  
 11 in which an agreement has been established between an eligible high school and an  
 12 eligible postsecondary institution wherein the student earns Carnegie units of credit that  
 13 count toward both high school graduation requirements and postsecondary coursework  
 14 requirements."

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

- 16 (A) A unit of the University System of Georgia;
- 17 (B) A branch of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education ~~or an~~  
 18 ~~affiliated institution which is controlled by a local board of education;~~
- 19 (C) A private independent nonprofit postsecondary institution eligible for tuition  
 20 equalization grants in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of paragraph  
 21 (2) of Code Section 20-3-411; or
- 22 (D) A private proprietary postsecondary institution eligible for tuition equalization  
 23 grants in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of Code  
 24 Section 20-3-411."

**SECTION 4B.**

25 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 20-3-519.5,  
 26 relating to eligibility for HOPE grants at a branch of the Georgia Department of Technical  
 27 and Adult Education, as follows:  
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29 "(e) No student may receive HOPE grants for more than 95 quarter hours or 63 semester  
 30 hours of attempted coursework, except as provided for in subsection (f) of this Code

1 section. No student may receive more than a cumulative total of 190 quarter hours or 127  
2 semester hours of combined HOPE scholarships and grants, unless in accordance with  
3 Code Sections 20-3-519.2 and 20-3-519.3. For purposes of this subsection, attempted  
4 hours shall not include hours for courses taken pursuant to ~~Code Section 20-2-161.1~~ and  
5 paid for by a HOPE grant while a student is participating in dual credit enrollment with  
6 both an eligible high school and a branch of the Department of Technical and Adult  
7 Education or a unit of the University System of Georgia. The Department of Technical and  
8 Adult Education or the University System of Georgia, as applicable, shall verify that the  
9 student is enrolled in an eligible high school and shall notify the Georgia Student Finance  
10 Commission of the student's participation in dual credit enrollment."