

Senate Bill 340

By: Senators Harp of the 29th, Weber of the 40th and Staton of the 18th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to educational programs, so as to require school systems and private
3 schools to adopt a reporting system for freshman, sophomore, and junior high school students
4 for the purpose of determining potential HOPE eligibility; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to educational programs, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-157, relating to
10 uniform reporting system for certain purposes, by adding a new subsection to read as
11 follows:

12 “(c)(1) Beginning with the school year beginning after May 1, 2011, each school system
13 and private school shall adopt the reporting system described in this subsection for
14 purposes of determining potential eligibility for freshman, sophomore, and junior high
15 school students for the HOPE scholarship program and other programs identified in this
16 Code section.

17 (2) Each school system and private school shall transmit to the Georgia Student Finance
18 Commission, in such manner and at such times as the commission may prescribe, an
19 electronic transcript of courses and course grades for each freshman, sophomore, and
20 junior high school student that reflects the complete high school academic record of the
21 student, including scores on any state tests required for graduation, the grading scales
22 used by the school system or private school for the time periods referenced by the
23 transcripts, and any other pertinent information as determined by the Georgia Student
24 Finance Commission. Each grade reported by a school system or private school to the
25 commission for the purpose of calculating the grade point average for potential HOPE

26 scholarship eligibility shall be the actual grade earned by the student with no weighting
27 or addition of points by the school system or private school.

28 (3) The Georgia Student Finance Commission shall calculate a grade point average for
29 the purpose of determining eligibility for the HOPE scholarship from these electronic
30 transcripts and shall notify students of their potential eligibility and high schools as to the
31 potential eligibility of students."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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