

Senate Bill 341

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

**AS PASSED**

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 provide that a person shall be  
3 a legal resident of Georgia in order to be eligible for a HOPE GED voucher; to provide for  
4 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-519.6,  
10 relating to HOPE GED vouchers, as follows:

11 "20-3-519.6.

12 (a) To be eligible for a HOPE GED voucher, a student attending an eligible public  
13 postsecondary institution shall meet residency requirements by meeting the requirements  
14 to be classified as a legal resident of Georgia as established by the program regulations  
15 promulgated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission which shall be based upon the  
16 in-state tuition policy of the board of regents and the in-state tuition guidelines set by the  
17 Technical College System of Georgia.

18 (b) To be eligible for a HOPE GED voucher, a student attending an eligible private  
19 postsecondary institution shall meet residency requirements by meeting the requirements  
20 to be classified as a legal resident of Georgia as established by the program regulations  
21 promulgated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

22 ~~(a)~~(c) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly and provisions  
23 relating to the scholarship shortfall reserve subaccount in Code Section 50-27-13, a HOPE  
24 GED voucher in the amount of \$500.00 shall be awarded once to each student receiving  
25 a general educational development (GED) diploma awarded by the Department of  
26 Technical and Adult Education, now known as the Technical College System of Georgia,

27 after June 30, 1993, shall be valid at any eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia for  
28 24 months from the date of issuance.  
29 ~~(b)~~(d) An otherwise eligible student receiving a HOPE GED voucher under this Code  
30 section is eligible for a HOPE scholarship as a sophomore, junior, or senior student."

31 **SECTION 2.**

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

34 **SECTION 3.**

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