

Senate Bill 238

By: Senator Harp of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 5 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to board of regents scholarships, so as to authorize certain additional
3 types of student financial assistance for medical and dental students at the Medical College
4 of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to 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 Part 5 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to board of regents scholarships, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-500,
9 relating to granting of scholarships, as follows:

10 "20-3-500.

11 (a) The board of regents shall have the authority to grant to qualified students, who are
12 citizens and bona fide residents of the State of Georgia and who would not otherwise have
13 available the funds necessary to obtain an education, such scholarships as are necessary for
14 them to complete programs of study offered by institutions of the University System of
15 Georgia, with the exception of the program leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine.
16 The terms and conditions thereof shall be prescribed and regulated by the board of regents
17 but shall include the condition that recipients of such scholarships shall, upon the
18 completion of their programs of study, reside in the State of Georgia and engage in
19 activities for which they were prepared through the scholarships for a period of one year
20 for each \$1,000.00 received.

21 (b) In addition to financial assistance provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section,
22 the board of regents shall have specific authority to grant financial assistance to medical
23 and dental students at the Medical College of Georgia in the form of service cancelable
24 loans to cover a portion of tuition costs. Such loans shall be repaid through the provision
25 of services in Georgia according to terms to be specified therein. If any portion of such a

26 loan is not repaid through service, the recipient shall become obligated for monetary
27 repayment of twice the amount of the loan not repaid through service."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.