

Senate Bill 231

By: Senator Weber of the 40th

AS PASSED SENATE

**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 establish the PROMISE III
3 teacher's scholarship; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for service cancelable
4 requirements; to provide for the maximum amount; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other 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 adding a new Code section to read
10 as follows:

11 "20-3-519.15.

12 (a) To be eligible for a PROMISE III teacher's scholarship, a student seeking alternative
13 certification as a teacher shall:

14 (1) Be a legal resident of Georgia;

15 (2) Possess a bachelor's degree or higher;

16 (3) Be accepted for enrollment into an alternative teacher certification program in
17 Georgia approved by the Professional Standards Commission; and

18 (4) Agree to teach in a public school in Georgia at the elementary, middle, or secondary
19 level for one academic year for each \$1,500.00 in PROMISE III teacher scholarship
20 funds awarded and sign a promissory note that stipulates the cash repayment obligation
21 incurred if the teaching service is not fulfilled.

22 (b) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly and provisions relating
23 to the scholarship shortfall reserve subaccount in Code Section 50-27-13, a PROMISE III
24 teacher's scholarship shall not exceed a total of \$3,000.00 per recipient.

25 (c) A student who terminates participation in the alternative teacher certification program
26 or who is otherwise dropped from participation by the program shall not be eligible to
27 continue receiving a PROMISE III teacher's scholarship."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.