

Senate Bill 358

By: Senators Grant of the 25th, Hudgens of the 47th, Harp of the 29th, Hill of the 4th, Hooks of the 14th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide tuition grant  
3 assistance for students attending Georgia Military College similar to military students  
4 attending North Georgia College and State University; to provide for related matters; to  
5 provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
10 relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, is amended by revising Code Section  
11 20-3-440, relating to legislative findings, as follows:

12 "20-3-440.

13 The General Assembly finds that it is essential for the national defense that persons be  
14 encouraged to consider military leadership positions as an honorable and rewarding  
15 profession and that North Georgia College and State University, ~~Georgia's only state~~  
16 ~~supported military college, plays~~ and Georgia Military College play a significant role in  
17 preparing and training students for professional life in the military as a profession. It is the  
18 purpose of the General Assembly, as provided for in this subpart, to encourage students to  
19 enroll in the military training programs of North Georgia College and State University and  
20 ~~its military training program~~ Georgia Military College and to encourage such students to  
21 accept military commissions by providing for tuition grant assistance to such students."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-442, relating to amount of grant,  
24 as follows:

25 "20-3-442.

26 (a) There is granted to each eligible student attending North Georgia College and State  
27 University the sum of \$1,500.00 per academic semester.

28 (b) There is granted to each eligible student attending Georgia Military College the sum  
29 of \$1,000.00 per academic quarter."

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 Said part is further amended in Subpart 6A, relating to tuition grant assistance for North  
32 Georgia College and State University, by replacing "North Georgia College and State  
33 University" with "North Georgia College and State University or Georgia Military College"  
34 wherever such term appears in:

35 (1) Code Section 20-3-441, relating to eligible student defined for purposes of receiving  
36 tuition grant assistance;

37 (2) Code Section 20-3-443, relating to application for grants, certification of eligibility,  
38 and refunds; and

39 (3) Code Section 20-3-445, relating to audits of the college.

40 **SECTION 4.**

41 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010, and shall apply to applications received on  
42 or after such date.

43 **SECTION 5.**

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