

House Bill 159

By: Representative Lucas of the 139<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-519.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 ineligibility for HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide for a family income limit on  
3 eligibility; to provide that the Georgia Student Finance Commission may adjust the income  
4 limit under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-3-519.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ineligibility  
9 for HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by designating the existing text of the Code  
10 section as subsection (a) and by adding thereafter a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b)(1) A student is ineligible for any scholarship or grant described in this part if the  
12 total of the preceding calendar year's federal adjusted gross income of the student, the  
13 student's parents, and the student's spouse, if any, exceeds the applicable income limit.

14 (2) For scholarships and grants awarded in calendar year 2012, the income limit shall be  
15 \$66,000.00.

16 (3) For future years, the Georgia Student Finance Commission may adjust the income  
17 limit so as to make scholarships and grants available to as many otherwise eligible  
18 students as possible while ensuring that all shortfall reserve subaccounts within the  
19 Lottery for Education Account remain fully funded."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.