

Senate Bill 336

By: Senators Carter of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th, James of the 35th, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th and others

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 eligibility for HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to add a maximum annual household  
3 income requirement for purposes of eligibility; to provide for an annual determination; to  
4 exempt Zell Miller Scholars; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and 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 eligibility  
9 for HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as  
10 follows:

11 "(c)(1) Except as otherwise provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a student  
12 whose family income exceeds the maximum annual household income level established  
13 annually by the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall not be eligible for a HOPE  
14 scholarship or grant.

15 (2) In setting the maximum annual household income level, the commission shall take  
16 into consideration the amount of funds appropriated for HOPE scholarships and grants  
17 pursuant to the applicable Appropriations Act and set the maximum annual household  
18 income level so as to maximize, to the extent possible, the number of persons eligible to  
19 receive a HOPE scholarship or grant.

20 (3) This subsection shall not apply to a student that meets the requirements to be a Zell  
21 Miller Scholar.

22 (4) A student who meets the income eligibility requirements pursuant to paragraph (1)  
23 of this subsection shall be deemed eligible under such paragraph for the remainder of his  
24 or her postsecondary education for purposes of this part.

25 (5) This subsection shall apply beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year.

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**SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.