

Senate Bill 419

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 44th,
Paris of the 26th and others

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 limit the number of Zell Miller
3 Scholars at eligible public postsecondary institutions; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 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 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by revising subsection (f) of Code
9 Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship, as follows:

10 "(f)(1) For each semester of eligibility, students who meet the qualifications to be Zell
11 Miller Scholars and who are attending an eligible private postsecondary institution shall
12 be awarded an amount in addition to the HOPE award amount as follows:

13 ~~(1) If attending an eligible public institution, an amount equal to the difference between~~
14 ~~the HOPE award amount and the then current academic year standard undergraduate~~
15 ~~tuition amount at the institution to be paid; and~~

16 ~~(2) If attending an eligible private institution, an amount equal to the difference between~~
17 ~~the HOPE award amount and the HOPE tuition payment.~~

18 (2)(A) For eligible public postsecondary institutions, the commission shall annually
19 determine the number of Zell Miller Scholars who will receive the additional awards
20 authorized under this paragraph at each such institution by taking the total number of
21 eligible Zell Miller Scholars in this state and apportioning such number pro rata based
22 upon undergraduate enrollment in each such eligible public postsecondary institution.
23 The number so derived shall be the maximum number of Zell Miller Scholars who are
24 eligible for the additional award under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph at such
25 institution for that academic year. If there are more Zell Miller Scholars attending such
26 institution than the eligible public postsecondary institution is authorized for under this

27 subparagraph, then such institution shall determine by lot which of the eligible students
28 shall receive the additional award under this paragraph.

29 (B) For each semester of eligibility, students who meet the qualifications to be Zell
30 Miller Scholars who are attending an eligible public postsecondary institution and who
31 are authorized to receive the additional award under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph
32 shall be awarded an amount in addition to the HOPE award amount equal to the
33 difference between the HOPE award amount and the then current academic year
34 standard undergraduate tuition amount at the eligible public postsecondary institution."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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