

House Bill 1155

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

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

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

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.