

The Senate Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee offered the following substitute to SB 327:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the University System of Georgia, so as to provide that the Board of
3 Regents shall establish a process by which veterans receiving educational benefits
4 administered by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs may pay their tuition in
5 installments or as funds are received from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs; to
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to the University System of Georgia, is amended by adding a new Code section to
11 read as follows:

12 "20-3-88.

13 (a) The Board of Regents shall establish a process to permit veterans who are admitted and
14 attending a University System of Georgia institution and who have been approved for and
15 are receiving educational benefits administered by the federal Department of Veterans
16 Affairs under Title 38 of the United States Code to make tuition and other fee and expense
17 payments due such institution on an installment basis, or at such time that funds for the
18 payment of such tuition and other fees and expenses are received from the federal
19 Department of Veterans Affairs.

20 (b) In no circumstance shall a veteran be denied attendance at a University System of
21 Georgia institution to which such veteran has been admitted due to an inability to pay
22 tuition or other fees and expenses because of a delay in receiving education benefits from
23 the federal Department of Veterans Affairs."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.