

NOT GERMANE

Senators Carter of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st and Tate of the 38th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Education and Youth Committee substitute to SB 364 (LC 33 4643S) by*
 2 *inserting after "definition;" on line 4 the following:*

3 to amend Code Section 20-3-519.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 4 eligibility requirements for HOPE grants, so as to eliminate the minimum grade point
 5 average requirement for maintaining eligibility for a HOPE grant;

6 *By inserting between lines 60 and 61 the following:*

SECTION 2A.

8 Code Section 20-3-519.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility
 9 requirements for HOPE grants, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) To be eligible for a HOPE grant, a student seeking a diploma or certificate at a branch
 11 of the Technical College System of Georgia or a unit of the University System of Georgia
 12 shall, in addition to meeting the residency requirements set forth in subsection (a) of Code
 13 Section 20-3-519.1~~;~~

14 ~~(1) Meet achievement standards by earning a cumulative grade point average of at least~~
 15 ~~3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attended 30 or 60~~
 16 ~~semester hours or 45 or 90 quarter hours of courses towards a diploma or certificate for~~
 17 ~~which the student received HOPE funds pursuant to this part. The grade point average~~
 18 ~~shall be calculated using such 30 semester or 45 quarter hours taken pursuant to this~~
 19 ~~subsection. An otherwise eligible student who attains or regains a cumulative grade point~~
 20 ~~average of at least 3.0 at the end of a quarter or semester in which the student has~~
 21 ~~attempted 30 or 60 semester hours or 45 or 90 quarter hours may qualify or requalify for~~
 22 ~~a HOPE grant; provided, however, that a student who receives a HOPE grant and loses~~
 23 ~~eligibility pursuant to this paragraph is only eligible to regain or requalify for the HOPE~~
 24 ~~grant one time; and~~

25 ~~(2) Meet meet enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and classified as an~~
 26 ~~undergraduate student in a matriculated status in a program of study leading to a~~
 27 ~~certificate or diploma and maintaining satisfactory academic progress in accordance with~~
 28 ~~the standards and practices used for federal Title IV programs by the institution at which~~
 29 ~~the student is enrolled."~~