

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 7 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters,
3 and prison guards, so as to provide for undergraduate full tuition grants to children of law
4 enforcement officers, firefighters, prison guards, and Highway Emergency Response
5 Operators of the Department of Transportation who were killed in the line of duty who attend
6 institutions of the University System of Georgia and who meet certain eligibility
7 requirements; to provide a definition; to provide for the imposition of a ticket surcharge at
8 state owned or operated entertainment venues to provide for funding; to provide for
9 legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
10 purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

12 Subpart 7 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
13 Annotated, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison
14 guards, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-452, relating to annual amount of grants
15 to each eligible student, as follows:
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17 "20-3-452.

18 (a) There is granted to each eligible student attending an approved school the sum of
19 \$2,000.00 per academic year. No person shall be eligible to receive grant assistance
20 provided under this subpart in excess of \$8,000.00. Grant assistance to eligible students
21 under this subpart shall be payable during the period of a summer school quarter or
22 semester. The payment of grants to eligible students under this subpart shall be contingent
23 upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the purposes of this subpart
24 in annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly.

25 (b)(1) An eligible student who is the child, either natural or adopted, of a law
26 enforcement officer, firefighter, prison guard, or Highway Emergency Response Operator

27 of the Department of Transportation who was killed in the line of duty or while
28 performing the duties to which he or she was assigned in the normal course of his or her
29 employment and who attends an institution of the University System of Georgia as an
30 undergraduate student is granted a sum per academic year equal to the full amount of
31 tuition to attend such institution for such academic year, so long as the eligible student
32 is less than 22 years of age and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or
33 greater while attending such institution, which shall be measured at the end of each
34 academic year to determine the student's eligibility for such grant for the following
35 academic year. The grant provided for in this subsection shall be in lieu of and not in
36 addition to the grant provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

37 (2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'state owned or operated entertainment
38 venue' means any facility that is owned or operated by the State of Georgia at which
39 sports events, concert events, theatrical events, or similar entertainment events are held
40 for which persons attending such events are required to purchase a ticket for admission.

41 (B) There is imposed a surcharge of \$1.00 on each ticket sold for admission to each
42 sports event, concert event, theatrical event, or similar event held at a state owned or
43 operated entertainment venue. Such surcharge shall be forwarded to the Office of the
44 State Treasurer by the person or entity selling such tickets for deposit in the state
45 treasury. As soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, the Office of the State
46 Treasurer shall report the amount of funds received pursuant to this paragraph to the
47 Office of Planning and Budget and the commission. It is the intent of the General
48 Assembly that, subject to appropriation, an amount equal to such proceeds received
49 from such surcharges in any fiscal year shall be used during the following fiscal year
50 to fund, in whole or in part, the grants provided for in this subsection."

51 **SECTION 2.**

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