

House Bill 372

By: Representatives Coomer of the 14th, Evans of the 42nd, Carter of the 175th, Nimmer of the 178th, Hatchett of the 150th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to
2 revise eligibility for a HOPE grant at a technical college or university institution; to revise
3 a provision relating to the submission of an annual request for funding for the Technical
4 College System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

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

15 (1) Meet achievement standards by earning a cumulative grade point average of at least
16 ~~3.0~~ 2.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attended 30 or 60
17 semester hours or 45 or 90 quarter hours of courses towards a diploma or certificate for
18 which the student received HOPE funds pursuant to this part. The grade point average
19 shall be calculated using such 30 semester or 45 quarter hours taken pursuant to this
20 subsection. An otherwise eligible student who attains or regains a cumulative grade point
21 average of at least ~~3.0~~ 2.0 at the end of a quarter or semester in which the student has
22 attempted 30 or 60 semester hours or 45 or 90 quarter hours may qualify or requalify for
23 a HOPE grant; provided, however, that a student who receives a HOPE grant and loses
24 eligibility pursuant to this paragraph is only eligible to regain or requalify for the HOPE
25 grant one time; and

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

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-4-11, relating to the powers of the State
33 Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, by revising paragraph (11) as follows:

34 "(11) Submit an annual request for funding to the Office of Planning and Budget as
35 prescribed in Code Sections 45-12-78 and 45-12-79. Such submission shall reflect a
36 request for funds pursuant to an **enrollment outcome** driven formula that reflects funds
37 for direct instructional costs to include salaries and instructional supplies and equipment,
38 funds for indirect support, maintenance and operation, staff and professional
39 development, and media services. Such funding shall be subject to appropriation by the
40 General Assembly."

41 **SECTION 3.**

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