

ADOPTED

Senators Bethel of the 54th, Shafer of the 48th, Jeffares of the 17th and Ligon of the 3rd offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate Education and Youth Committee substitute to SB 243 (LC 33 5148-ECS) by striking lines 14 through 21 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(1) 'Eligible student' means a student who is a Georgia resident who, immediately prior to receiving a scholarship or tuition grant under Code Section 20-2A-2 and enrolling in a qualified school or program, was enrolled in and attended for at least six weeks a Georgia secondary or primary public school or who is eligible to enroll in a qualified first grade, kindergarten program, or pre-kindergarten program; provided, however, that if a student is deemed an eligible student pursuant to this paragraph, he or she shall continue to qualify as such until he or she graduates, reaches the age of 20, or returns to a public school, whichever occurs first; and provided, further, that the enrollment and six week public school attendance requirements shall be waived in the case of a student who, based on the school attendance zone of his or her primary residence, is or would be assigned to a public school that the Office of Student Achievement determines to be a low-performing school, who is the subject of officially documented cases of school based physical violence or student related verbal abuse threatening physical harm, or whose parent or parents inform the public school in writing that they do not wish for their child to participate in classroom instruction or exercises that conflict with their religious beliefs."