

Senate Bill 266

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Hill of the 6th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to provide for a ROTC grant; to provide for
3 eligibility and amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 scholarships, loans, and grants, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

9 "Part 4

10 20-3-495.

11 As used in this part, the term 'eligible student' means a person who:

12 (1) Is a citizen and resident of this state and is or will have been a citizen and resident of
13 this state for a period of at least 12 months prior to beginning classes at a public college
14 or university in this state;

15 (2) Is enrolled as a student at a public college or university in this state;

16 (3) Is enrolled in or plans to enroll in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at
17 such public college or university;

18 (4) Has accepted a Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship to attend such public
19 college or university; and

20 (5) Meets the qualifications for a HOPE scholarship pursuant to Part 7 of this article.

21 20-3-496.

22 An eligible student shall receive a ROTC grant for each quarter or semester in which such
23 eligible student is enrolled in and attending a public college or university in this state while
24 participating in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at such public college or university,
25 provided that such eligible student continues to meet the qualifications to receive a HOPE
26 scholarship. The grant shall be equal in amount to the amount that such eligible student
27 would have received from the HOPE scholarship at such public college or university for
28 such quarter or semester. For those eligible students who also meet the requirements to be
29 a Zell Miller Scholar, the grant shall be equal in amount to the amount that such eligible
30 student would have received as a Zell Miller Scholar to such public college or university
31 for such quarter or semester. In the event that the student ceases to be eligible for a HOPE
32 scholarship, such student shall not be eligible for the ROTC grant under this part."

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SECTION 2.

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