

House Bill 810

By: Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Clark of the 101st, Ramsey of the 72nd, Teasley of the 37th, Pezold of the 133rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to revise requirements for home
3 study students regarding scores on a standardized college admission test; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended in Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating
9 to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship, by revising subsection (a) as follows:
10 "(a) To be eligible for a HOPE scholarship, an entering freshman student seeking an
11 associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible postsecondary institution shall, in addition
12 to meeting the residency requirements set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section
13 20-3-519.1:

14 (1) Meet achievement standards by:

15 (A) Having graduated from an eligible high school while meeting the curriculum
16 requirements of his or her program of study in 1993 or thereafter and meeting the
17 requirements set out in the applicable subsection and paragraph of Code Section
18 20-2-157;

19 (B) In the case of a student who is otherwise qualified but:

20 (i) Did not graduate from high school or complete a home study program meeting the
21 requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690, having received the general
22 educational development (GED) diploma awarded by the Department of Technical
23 and Adult Education, now known as the Technical College System of Georgia, after
24 June 30, 1993, provided that such student shall only be eligible for a HOPE
25 scholarship pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section;

26 (ii) Completed a home study program meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of
 27 Code Section 20-2-690 in lieu of graduating from an eligible high school, earning a
 28 cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at an eligible postsecondary institution
 29 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attempted 45 quarter
 30 hours or 30 semester hours, provided that such student shall be eligible to receive a
 31 retroactive HOPE scholarship for such student's freshman year to be paid at the end
 32 of the freshman year; or

33 (iii) Graduated from a high school which is not an eligible high school, earning a
 34 cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at an eligible postsecondary institution
 35 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attempted 45 quarter
 36 hours or 30 semester hours, provided that such student shall be eligible to receive a
 37 retroactive HOPE scholarship for such student's freshman year to be paid at the end
 38 of the freshman year; or

39 (C) In the case of an otherwise qualified student who:

40 (i) Did not graduate from high school or complete a home study program meeting the
 41 requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 but received the general
 42 educational development (GED) diploma awarded by the Department of Technical
 43 and Adult Education, now known as the Technical College System of Georgia, after
 44 June 30, 1993; or

45 ~~(ii) Completed a home study program meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of~~
 46 ~~Code Section 20-2-690 in lieu of graduating from an eligible high school; or~~

47 ~~(iii)~~(ii) Graduated from a high school which is not an eligible high school,
 48 earning a score in the eighty-fifth percentile or higher nationally on a standardized
 49 college admission test, such as the SAT or ACT; and or

50 (D) In the case of an otherwise qualified student who completed a home study program
 51 meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 in lieu of
 52 graduating from an eligible high school, earning a score in the eightieth percentile or
 53 higher nationally on a standardized college admission test, such as the SAT or ACT;
 54 and

55 (2) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and classified as an
 56 undergraduate student in a matriculated status."

57 **SECTION 2.**

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