

House Bill 25

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-519 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions relative to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that spouses and  
3 dependent children of military service members and veterans are eligible as Zell Miller Grant  
4 Scholars; to provide for 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 Code Section 20-3-519 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
8 relative to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by revising paragraph (26.1) as  
9 follows:

10 "(26.1) 'Zell Miller Grant Scholar' means a student ~~that~~ who has met the applicable  
11 eligibility requirements to receive a HOPE grant in accordance with Code Section  
12 20-3-519.5 and;

13 (A) Earned ~~earned~~ a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 at the end of any  
14 quarter or semester in which the student has attended courses toward a diploma or  
15 certificate; or

16 (B)(i) Is the spouse or dependent child of an active duty military service member who  
17 is stationed in Georgia or who is on deployment and lists Georgia as such service  
18 member's home of record; or

19 (ii) Is a veteran of any branch of the armed services of the United States and resides  
20 in Georgia."

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.