

House Bill 222

By: Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Corbett of the 174th, Evans of the 42nd, Williams of the 168th, Belton of the 112th, 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 provide that members of the
3 Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements; to provide for related
4 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 20-3-519.1, relating
9 to eligibility for HOPE scholarships and grants, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a)
10 as follows:

11 "(1) Meets residency requirements by:

12 (A)(i) Being classified as a legal resident of Georgia as established by the program
13 regulations promulgated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission which shall be
14 based upon the in-state tuition policy of the board of regents and the in-state tuition
15 guidelines set by the Technical College System of Georgia; and

16 (ii)(I) If the student was classified as a legal resident of Georgia at the time of
17 graduation from high school or from a home study program meeting the requirements
18 of Code Section 20-2-690, then the student must have met the requirements set forth
19 in division (i) of this subparagraph for a period of at least 12 months immediately
20 prior to the first day of classes for which the scholarship or grant is to be awarded; or

21 (II) If the student was not classified as a legal resident at the time of graduation from
22 high school or from a home study program meeting the requirements of Code Section
23 20-2-690, then the student must have met the requirements set forth in division (i) of
24 this subparagraph for a period of at least 24 months immediately prior to the first day
25 of classes for which the scholarship or grant is to be awarded; or

26 (B) Being classified as a legal resident of Georgia if such student is a member of the
27 Georgia National Guard; a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the
28 United States located in Georgia; or an active duty military service member or the
29 spouse or dependent child of an active duty military service member and the active duty
30 military service member is stationed in Georgia or lists Georgia as their home of record;
31 and"

32 **SECTION 2.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.