

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 186:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-519.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 eligibility requirements for a HOPE grant, so as to provide that students who earned a high
3 school diploma through certain dual credit coursework are eligible for a HOPE grant toward
4 an associate degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

7 Code Section 20-3-519.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility
8 requirements for a HOPE grant, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

9 "(a.1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section, a student seeking an associate
10 degree at a branch of the Technical College System of Georgia who received a high school
11 diploma pursuant to Code Section 20-2-149.2 through completion of:

12 (1) A technical college diploma program and all postsecondary academic education and
13 technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry
14 occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field; or

15 (2) At least two technical college certificate of credit programs in one specific career
16 pathway and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training
17 prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or licenses
18 required to work in the field as determined by the Technical College System of Georgia
19 shall be eligible for a HOPE grant as long as he or she meets the residency requirements
20 set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-519.1 and the requirements of
21 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section. The HOPE grant shall be
22 used to cover the cost of up to 30 degree hours to obtain an associate degree."
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SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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