

Senate Bill 354

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Watson of the 1st, Rhett of the 33rd and James of the 35th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-4-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 tuition fees, so as to require that the Technical College System of Georgia classify certain
3 active duty service members as in-state for tuition purposes; to provide for a definition; to
4 require reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-4-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tuition fees, is
9 amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

10 "(d)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'active duty service member' means an active
11 duty member of the regular or reserve component of the United States armed forces or
12 the United States Coast Guard who physically resides in the State of Georgia.

13 (2) Active duty service members who would otherwise be classified as out-of-state for
14 tuition purposes shall be classified as in-state for tuition purposes.

15 (3) On January 31 of each year, the Technical College System of Georgia shall provide
16 an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
17 House of Representatives on the total number and dollar value of the waiver of
18 out-of-state tuition fees for active duty service members that have been provided for by
19 this subsection during the preceding calendar year."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.