

House Bill 88

By: Representatives Evans of the 57th, Stephens of the 164th, Holmes of the 129th, Williams of the 168th, Marin of the 96th, 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 HOPE grants shall
3 equal the student's undergraduate tuition amount for the current academic standard year,
4 subject to certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended in Code Section 20-3-519, relating to
10 definitions, by revising paragraph (26.1) as follows:

11 ~~"(26.1) 'Zell Miller Grant Scholar' means a student who has met the applicable eligibility~~
12 ~~requirements to receive a HOPE grant in accordance with Code Section 20-3-519.5 and~~
13 ~~earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 at the end of any quarter or~~
14 ~~semester in which the student has attended courses toward a diploma or certificate."~~

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SECTION 2.

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16 Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-3-519.5, relating to eligibility requirements
17 for a HOPE grant and award amount, by revising subsections (d) and (d.1) as follows:

18 "(d) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly and provisions relating
19 to the Lottery for Education Account in Code Section 50-27-13, a HOPE grant awarded
20 under this Code section shall equal the ~~HOPE award amount~~ student's current academic
21 year standard undergraduate tuition amount.

22 ~~(d.1) For each semester or quarter following a semester or quarter that it is determined that~~
23 ~~a student is a Zell Miller Grant Scholar, a student shall be awarded an amount in addition~~
24 ~~to the HOPE award amount equal to the difference between the HOPE award amount and~~
25 ~~the then current academic year standard undergraduate tuition amount at the institution to~~
26 ~~be paid or the exceptional tuition rate amount in effect on January 1, 2014, for programs~~
27 ~~with exceptional tuition rates in effect on January 1, 2014. Eligibility to be a Zell Miller~~
28 ~~Grant Scholar shall be determined on a semester or quarter basis and paid for the next~~
29 ~~semester or quarter in which a student is enrolled. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Zell~~
30 ~~Miller Grant Scholar shall also receive one semester or quarter of retroactive payment if~~
31 ~~the student was not eligible to be a Zell Miller Grant Scholar because he or she had no~~
32 ~~cumulative grade point average."~~

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SECTION 3.

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