

Senate Bill 239

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to
2 provide that tuition and mandatory student fees for students enrolled in a unit of the
3 University System of Georgia or the Technical College System of Georgia shall be calculated
4 and assessed on a per credit hour basis, subject to certain conditions; to provide for caps on
5 assessed tuition and mandatory student fees based on the number of credit hours students are
6 enrolled; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
7 and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in
11 Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education, by adding a new article to read as follows:

12 "ARTICLE 13

13 20-3-680.

14 (a) The total amount of tuition for each student shall be calculated and assessed on a per
15 credit hour basis; provided, however, that undergraduate students shall not be charged for
16 more than 15 credit hours per semester or the equivalent amount per quarter; and provided,
17 further, that graduate students shall not be charged for more than 12 credit hours per
18 semester or the equivalent amount per quarter.

19 (b)(1) The total amount of mandatory student fees for each student shall be calculated
20 and assessed on a per credit hour basis.

21 (2) As used in this article, the term 'mandatory student fees' shall mean student fees and
22 special charges that are assessed to all students, all undergraduate students, or all
23 full-time undergraduate students on one or more campuses of a unit of the University
24 System of Georgia which are required by the Board of Regents of the University System
25 of Georgia or by a unit of the University System of Georgia, subject to the approval by
26 the board of regents, including, but not limited to, special institutional fees; athletic fees,
27 including, but not limited to, fees for intercollegiate and intramural athletics; student
28 activity and enrichment fees; facility fees, including, but not limited to, fees for facilities
29 and operations relating to intercollegiate and intramural athletics, campus recreation,
30 student learning, student health, student support, and other student centered activities;
31 student health service fees; transit, transportation, and parking fees; technology fees;
32 mandatory food service fees; and fees related to the maintenance, improvement, and
33 sustainability of campus outdoor areas. As used in this article, this term includes student
34 fees which are subject to waivers."

35 **SECTION 2.**

36 Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 4, relating to technical and adult
37 education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

38 "20-4-11.1.

39 (a) The total amount of tuition for each student shall be calculated and assessed on a per
40 credit hour basis; provided, however, that students shall not be charged for more than 12
41 credit hours per semester or the equivalent amount per quarter.

42 (b)(1) The total amount of mandatory student fees for each student shall be calculated
43 and assessed on a per credit hour basis.

44 (2) As used in this Code section, the term 'mandatory student fees' shall mean student
45 fees and special charges that are assessed to all students on one or more campuses of a
46 unit of the Technical College System of Georgia which are required by the State Board
47 of the Technical College System of Georgia or by a unit of the Technical College System
48 of Georgia, subject to the approval by the state board, including, but not limited to,
49 special institutional fees; athletic fees, including, but not limited to, fees for
50 intercollegiate and intramural athletics; student activity and enrichment fees; facility fees,
51 including, but not limited to, fees for facilities and operations relating to intercollegiate
52 and intramural athletics, campus recreation, student learning, student health, student
53 support, and other student centered activities; student health service fees; transit,
54 transportation, and parking fees; technology fees; mandatory food service fees; and fees
55 related to the maintenance, improvement, and sustainability of campus outdoor areas. As
56 used in this Code section, this term includes student fees which are subject to waivers."

57 **SECTION 3.**

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