

Senate Bill 14

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th, James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for a grant
3 program to pay tuition and fees of certain students who enroll in a unit of the University
4 System of Georgia where, in exchange for such grant, such students agree to pay a certain
5 percentage of their annual adjusted gross income to the Georgia Student Finance Authority
6 for up to a certain number of years after completion of studies; to provide for a short title; to
7 provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
8 other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
12 relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, is amended by adding a new subpart to
13 read as follows:

14 "Subpart 12

15 20-3-495.

16 This subpart shall be known and may be cited as the 'Pay Forward, Pay Back Student Grant
17 Act.'

18 20-3-495.1.

19 As used in this subpart, the term:

20 (1) 'Eligible postsecondary institution' means a unit of the University System of Georgia
21 that offers associate or baccalaureate degrees.

(2) 'Eligible student' means a student who is enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution and is classified as in-state for tuition purposes pursuant to Code Section 20-3-66.

20-3-495.2.

(a) The authority is authorized to provide grant assistance to each eligible student in the amount of full tuition and fees for each academic quarter or academic semester in which such eligible student is an eligible student, provided that such eligible student by contractual agreement agrees to pay a certain percentage of his or her annual adjusted gross income in accordance with the provisions of this subpart and the rules and regulations of the authority promulgated to implement this subpart.

(b) Such grant assistance as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be payable to the eligible postsecondary institution in the name of the eligible student. The payment of grant assistance under this subpart shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the purposes of this subpart in annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly.

20-3-495.3.

(a) An eligible student shall not be required to pay a certain percentage of his or her annual adjusted gross income until the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

(1) The eligible student completes his or her course of study;

(2) The eligible student graduates from an eligible postsecondary institution; or

(3) The student has not been enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution for two academic quarters or two academic semesters.

(b) For each eligible student, the authority shall establish the percentage of the annual adjusted gross income which shall be payable pursuant to this subpart and the terms and conditions upon which such payments shall be made; provided, however, that the length of time for an eligible student to pay a percentage of his or her annual adjusted gross income shall not exceed ten years.

20-3-495.4.

(a) For each fiscal year, the authority shall determine the amount of moneys available for grant assistance under this subpart and shall determine which eligible students receive grant assistance by a random selection process in which each eligible student has an equal chance of being selected for grant assistance.

54 (b) The authority is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary
55 or convenient for administration of the grant assistance program provided for pursuant to
56 this subpart."

57 **SECTION 2.**

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