Senate Bill 456

By: Senators Harrell of the 40th, Rhett of the 33rd, Rahman of the 5th, Harbison of the 15th, Karinshak of the 48th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education, so as to provide that tuition, fees, and other charges for part-time students of the University System of Georgia shall be charged at a per credit hour rate; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to technical and adult education, so as to provide that tuition, fees, and other charges for part-time students of the Technical College System of Georgia shall be charged at a per credit hour rate; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

″ARTICLE 13

20-3-680.

(a) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Part-time student' means an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at a university system institution for less than 12 semester credit hours, or the equivalent amount of quarter hours.

(2) 'University system institution' means any unit of the University System of Georgia.

(b) The total amount of tuition, fees, and other charges for part-time students shall be calculated and charged at a per credit hour rate by dividing the total amount of tuition, fees, and other charges by the number of credit hours in which the part-time student is enrolled.″

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to technical and adult education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-4-11.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'part-time student' means a student enrolled at any branch of the Technical College System of Georgia for less than 12 semester credit hours, or the equivalent amount of quarter hours.

(b) The total amount of tuition, fees, and other charges for part-time students shall be calculated and charged at a per credit hour rate by dividing the total amount of tuition, fees, and other charges by the number of credit hours in which the part-time student is enrolled."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.