

The House Committee on Higher Education offers the following substitute to HB 607:

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 revise the definition of "Zell
3 Miller Scholarship Scholar" by changing the ACT score requirement for certain students; to
4 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; 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 by revising division (27)(A)(i) of Code
10 Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions, as follows:

11 "(i) Having graduated from an eligible high school with a grade point average of at
12 least 3.7 calculated in accordance with Code Section 20-2-157 and having received
13 a score of at least 1,200 on the combined critical reading and math portions on a
14 single administration of the SAT administered prior to March 1, 2016, or on the total
15 score on a single administration of the SAT administered on or after March 1, 2016,
16 or an equivalent ACT composite scale score of at least 26 which shall be determined
17 by the Georgia Student Finance Commission by January 1 of each year using

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18 nationally recognized standards, such as the College Board and ACT concordance
19 tables;"

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.