

House Bill 607 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, and Dubnik of the 29th

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

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17 by the Georgia Student Finance Commission by January 1 of each year using
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23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.