

Senate Bill 152

By: Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 6th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2B of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
2 "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act," so as to provide that the biological or adopted children
3 of individuals who are foster parents and who meet certain conditions shall qualify for
4 promise scholarship accounts; to provide for such conditions; to provide for definitions; to
5 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 2B of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia
10 Promise Scholarship Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-2B-22.1.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Biological or adopted child' means a child who is the biological issue of an
14 individual or who has been adopted by an individual pursuant to a decree of adoption by
15 a court of this state or by a court of any other jurisdiction.

16 (2) 'Foster parent' means an individual who provides care, lodging, supervision, and
17 maintenance for one or more children in a foster care home used by an agency licensed
18 as a child-placing agency pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 49 or in a foster care home
19 approved and directly supervised by the Department of Human Services.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 20-2B-22 to the contrary, each student
21 who has reached the age of four years but has not reached the age of 20 years, who is the
22 biological or adopted child of an individual who is a foster parent, and who meets the
23 requirements of paragraphs (1), (4), (6), (7), (8), and (9) of subsection (a) of Code Section
24 20-2B-22 shall qualify for a promise scholarship account under this article."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
27 without such approval.

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.