

House Bill 417

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to  
3 revise the definition of approved school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
8 regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, is amended by  
9 revising division (2)(B)(i) as follows:

10 "(B)(i) A qualified proprietary institution of higher education located in this state  
11 which is a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher education; which is  
12 accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on  
13 Colleges as a Level VI institution; which is not a Bible school or college (or, at the  
14 graduate level, a school or college of theology or divinity); which admits as regular  
15 students only persons who have a high school diploma, a state approved high school  
16 equivalency (HSE) diploma, or a degree from an accredited postsecondary institution;

17 whose students are eligible to participate in the federal Pell Grant program; which has  
18 been reviewed and approved for operation and for receipt of tuition equalization grant  
19 funds by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission; which is  
20 domiciled and incorporated in the State of Georgia; which has been ~~in existence in the~~  
21 ~~State of Georgia for at least ten years~~ located in this state since on or before January  
22 1, 2021; and which met all of the requirements of this subparagraph by January 1,  
23 ~~2011~~ 2021; provided, however, that the criteria for approval for receipt of tuition  
24 equalization grant funds shall include but not be limited to areas of course study;<sub>;</sub>  
25 quality of academic instruction;<sub>;</sub> student placement rate;<sub>;</sub> research and library ~~sources;~~  
26 ~~resources;~~ faculty;<sub>;</sub> support staff;<sub>;</sub> financial resources;<sub>;</sub> ~~physical plant facilities~~  
27 ~~resources;~~ instructional campuses, facilities, or other physical sites; and support and  
28 equipment resources."

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**SECTION 2.**

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