

Senate Bill 149

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd and Goodman of the 8th

AS PASSED SENATE

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 **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;

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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; ;
25 quality of academic instruction; ; student placement rate; ; research and library ~~sources~~;
26 resources; faculty; ; support staff; ; financial resources; ; ~~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.