

House Bill 1052

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to establish a financial  
3 aid program to provide grants to eligible students to assist with off-campus housing  
4 expenses; to provide definitions; to provide for a maximum award amount; to provide for  
5 applications; to provide for rules, regulations, and procedures; to provide for a short title; to  
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Student Housing Affordability Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
12 relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, is amended by adding a new subpart to  
13 read as follows:

14 "Subpart 2B

15 20-3-367.

16 As used in this subpart, the term:

17 (1) 'Commission' means the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

18 (2) 'Cost of attendance' means the amount defined by the eligible postsecondary  
19 institution for the purpose of the guaranteed student loan program as defined in Title IV  
20 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Section 1071, et seq. as of January 1,  
21 2026.

22 (3) 'Eligible postsecondary institution' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code  
23 Section 20-3-519.

24 (4) 'Eligible student' means a person:

25 (A) Who is enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution;

26 (B) Who is not living in on-campus housing;

27 (C) Who is eligible for a scholarship or grant pursuant to Code Section 20-3-519.1; and

28 (D) Who has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

29 20-3-368.

30 (a) Subject to appropriations, the commission shall establish a financial aid program to  
31 provide grants to eligible students to assist with off-campus housing expenses. The  
32 maximum award per eligible student shall not exceed the difference between the cost of  
33 on-campus housing and the cost of off-campus housing of the eligible postsecondary  
34 institution attended by such eligible student as included in the cost of attendance for such  
35 postsecondary institution.

36 (b) Each eligible student wishing to receive a grant pursuant to this subpart shall submit  
37 a grant application in accordance with the rules, regulations, and procedures prescribed by  
38 the commission. The commission is authorized to prescribe such rules, regulations, and

39 procedures as may be reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of this subpart.  
40 In the event a student on whose behalf a grant is paid does not enroll as a full-time or  
41 part-time student for the academic semester for which the grant is paid, the eligible  
42 postsecondary institution shall make a refund to the commission in accordance with the  
43 rules, regulations, and procedures of the commission."

44 **SECTION 3.**

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