

House Bill 23

By: Representatives Evans of the 42nd, Mosby of the 83rd, Chandler of the 105th, Clark of the 101st, Frye of the 118th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship, so as to eliminate the seven-year limitation
3 from the student's graduation from high school or the equivalent thereof on receiving a
4 HOPE scholarship; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility
9 requirements for a HOPE scholarship, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

10 "(d) A student may receive the HOPE scholarship until the first of these events:

11 (1) The student has earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree; or

12 (2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of 190 quarter
13 hours or 127 semester hours; ~~or~~

14 ~~(3) Beginning with those students receiving a HOPE scholarship for the first time on or~~
15 ~~after July 1, 2011, seven years from a student's graduation from high school or the~~
16 ~~equivalent thereof as determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in its rules~~
17 ~~and regulations; provided, however, that for a student who serves in the military during~~
18 ~~such seven-year period, any such military service served as active duty shall not count~~
19 ~~against the seven-year period. A student that is ineligible to receive a HOPE scholarship~~
20 ~~pursuant to this paragraph but who received the HOPE scholarship during the 2010-2011~~
21 ~~academic year shall continue to be eligible for the HOPE scholarship until June 30, 2015,~~
22 ~~as long as such student meets all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited~~
23 ~~to, paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection."~~

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.