

House Bill 457

By: Representatives Jackson of the 64th, Hopson of the 153rd, Frazier of the 126th, Hutchinson of the 107th, and Scott of the 76th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding alimony and child support, so as to provide for
3 financial support for a child beyond the age of majority for postsecondary education; to
4 provide for conditions and requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions regarding alimony and child support, is amended by adding a new
10 subsection to Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support guidelines for determining
11 amount of award, continuation of duty of support, and duration of support, to read as follows:
12 "(e.1) **Duration of child support for postsecondary education.** In any temporary, final,
13 or modified order for child support with respect to any proceeding for divorce, separate
14 maintenance, legitimacy, or paternity entered on or after July 1, 2021, the court, in the
15 exercise of sound discretion, may direct either or both parents to provide financial
16 assistance to a child who is enrolled in and attending a technical school, vocational school,

17 college, university, or other institution of postsecondary education, provided that such
18 financial assistance shall not be required after a child attains 24 years of age. The court
19 shall require verification of such enrollment and attendance. In determining the amount
20 of such financial assistance, the court shall consider the amount of tuition as well as
21 additional fees and expenses related to such enrollment and attendance. The provisions for
22 child support provided in this subsection may be enforced by either parent, by any
23 nonparent custodian, by a guardian appointed to receive child support for the child for
24 whose benefit the child support is ordered, or by the child for whose benefit the child
25 support is ordered."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.