

House Bill 641

By: Representatives Bentley of the 150th, Bennett of the 94th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Sharper of the 177th, Willis of the 55th, and others

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 include schools which were previously accredited
4 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, are now accredited by the
5 Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, and meet other requirements;
6 to 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 Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
10 regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, is amended by
11 revising subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) as follows:

12 "(A) A nonproprietary institution of higher education located in this state which is not
13 a branch of the university system; which is not a four-year or graduate level institution
14 of higher education that is, or is a part of, a college or university system that is owned
15 and operated by a state other than Georgia; which is accredited by the Southern
16 Association of Colleges and Schools; which is not a graduate level school or college of

17 theology or divinity; and which is not presently receiving state funds under Article 4
18 of this chapter; provided, however, that an institution which otherwise meets the
19 requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for the lack of accreditation
20 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an
21 'approved school' during the period that the institution holds candidate for accreditation
22 status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; provided, further, that
23 an institution which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this
24 subpart except for the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and
25 Schools shall be deemed to be an 'approved school' if such institution was previously
26 an 'approved school' under division (iii) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph within
27 the last five years; provided, further, that an institution which was previously accredited
28 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools within the last seven years and
29 which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for
30 the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be
31 deemed to be an 'approved school'; provided, further, that an institution which was
32 previously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is now
33 accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, and
34 which otherwise meets the requirements of this definition and of this subpart except for
35 the lack of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be
36 deemed to be an 'approved school'; and"

37 **SECTION 2.**

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