

House Bill 644

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 postsecondary education, so as to provide for a special institutional fee waiver for students  
3 who work 20 or more hours per week as graduate assistants at units of the University System  
4 of Georgia; to provide for a definition; 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 Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary  
9 education, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

10 "ARTICLE 13

11 20-3-680.

12 (a) As used in this article, the term 'graduate assistant' means a student enrolled in a  
13 postgraduate program at a unit of the University System of Georgia who works 20 or more  
14 hours per week during an academic term in a graduate assistantship position, including, but

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15 not limited to, the positions of graduate teaching assistant, graduate lab assistant, graduate  
16 research assistant, and graduate research fellow assistant.  
17 (b) The board of regents is directed to waive mandatory special institutional fees for  
18 graduate assistants."

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**SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.