

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to SB 239:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to  
2 provide that tuition for students enrolled in a unit of the University System of Georgia or the  
3 Technical College System of Georgia shall be calculated and charged on a per credit hour  
4 basis, subject to certain conditions; to provide for caps on mandatory student fees based on  
5 the number of credit hours students are enrolled; to provide for definitions; to provide for  
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in  
10 Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education, by adding a new article to read as follows:

11 "ARTICLE 13

12 20-3-680.

13 (a) The total amount of tuition for each student shall be calculated and charged on a per  
14 credit hour basis; provided, however, that undergraduate students shall not be charged for

15 more than 15 credit hours per semester or the equivalent amount per quarter; and provided,  
16 further, that graduate students shall not be charged for more than 12 credit hours per  
17 semester or the equivalent amount per quarter.

18 (b)(1) The total amount of mandatory student fees for each student shall be calculated  
19 and charged as follows:

20 (A) Students taking one to four credit hours during a semester, or the equivalent  
21 amount of credit hours during a quarter, shall be charged no more than 25 percent of  
22 the total amount of mandatory student fees for such semester or quarter;

23 (B) Students taking five to seven credit hours during a semester, or the equivalent  
24 amount of credit hours during a quarter, shall be charged no more than 50 percent of  
25 the total amount of mandatory student fees for such semester or quarter;

26 (C) Students taking eight to ten credit hours during a semester, or the equivalent  
27 amount of credit hours during a quarter, shall be charged no more than 75 percent of  
28 the total amount of mandatory student fees for such semester or quarter; and

29 (D) Students taking 11 or more credit hours during a semester, or the equivalent  
30 amount of credit hours during a quarter, may be charged up to 100 percent of the total  
31 amount of mandatory student fees for such semester or quarter.

32 (2) As used in this article, the term 'mandatory student fees' shall mean student fees and  
33 special charges that are charged to all students, all undergraduate students, or all full-time  
34 undergraduate students on one or more campuses of a unit of the University System of  
35 Georgia which are required by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia  
36 or by a unit of the University System of Georgia, subject to the approval by the board of  
37 regents, including, but not limited to, special institutional fees; athletic fees, including,  
38 but not limited to, fees for intercollegiate and intramural athletics; student activity and  
39 enrichment fees; facility fees, including, but not limited to, fees for facilities and  
40 operations relating to intercollegiate and intramural athletics, campus recreation, student  
41 learning, student health, student support, and other student centered activities; student

42 health service fees; transit, transportation, and parking fees; technology fees; mandatory  
43 food service fees; and fees related to the maintenance, improvement, and sustainability  
44 of campus outdoor areas. As used in this article, this term includes student fees which  
45 are subject to waivers."

46 **SECTION 2.**

47 Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 4, relating to technical and adult  
48 education, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

49 "20-4-11.1.

50 (a) The total amount of tuition for each student shall be calculated and charged on a per  
51 credit hour basis; provided, however, that students shall not be charged for more than 12  
52 credit hours per semester or the equivalent amount per quarter.

53 (b)(1) The total amount of mandatory student fees for each student shall be calculated  
54 and charged as follows:

55 (A) Students taking one to four credit hours during a semester, or the equivalent  
56 amount of credit hours during a quarter, shall be charged no more than 25 percent of  
57 the total amount of mandatory student fees for such semester or quarter;

58 (B) Students taking five to seven credit hours during a semester, or the equivalent  
59 amount of credit hours during a quarter, shall be charged no more than 50 percent of  
60 the total amount of mandatory student fees for such semester or quarter;

61 (C) Students taking eight to ten credit hours during a semester, or the equivalent  
62 amount of credit hours during a quarter, shall be charged no more than 75 percent of  
63 the total amount of mandatory student fees for such semester or quarter; and

64 (D) Students taking 11 or more credit hours during a semester, or the equivalent  
65 amount of credit hours during a quarter, may be charged up to 100 percent of the total  
66 amount of mandatory student fees for such semester or quarter.

67 (2) As used in this Code section, the term 'mandatory student fees' shall mean student  
68 fees and special charges that are charged to all students on one or more campuses of a  
69 unit of the Technical College System of Georgia which are required by the State Board  
70 of the Technical College System of Georgia or by a unit of the Technical College System  
71 of Georgia, subject to the approval by the state board, including, but not limited to,  
72 special institutional fees; athletic fees, including, but not limited to, fees for  
73 intercollegiate and intramural athletics; student activity and enrichment fees; facility fees,  
74 including, but not limited to, fees for facilities and operations relating to intercollegiate  
75 and intramural athletics, campus recreation, student learning, student health, student  
76 support, and other student centered activities; student health service fees; transit,  
77 transportation, and parking fees; technology fees; mandatory food service fees; and fees  
78 related to the maintenance, improvement, and sustainability of campus outdoor areas. As  
79 used in this Code section, this term includes student fees which are subject to waivers."

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**SECTION 3.**

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