

Senate Bill 330

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Golden of the 8th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 6A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of  
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to tuition grant assistance for University of North Georgia, so  
3 as to authorize tuition grant assistance for certain students at Georgia Military College; to  
4 provide for eligibility and procedures; 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 Subpart 6A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
9 Annotated, relating to tuition grant assistance for University of North Georgia, is amended  
10 by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-3-447.

12 (a) In the event that the General Assembly appropriates funds in excess of the amount  
13 necessary to fully fund all eligible students who apply for grants under this subpart at the  
14 University of North Georgia, eligible students at Georgia Military College shall be allowed  
15 to apply for grants from the excess funds.

16 (b) Eligible students at Georgia Military College shall meet all conditions of eligibility  
17 contained in Code Section 20-3-441 with the exceptions that, instead of being enrolled in  
18 or accepted for enrollment in the University of North Georgia, such eligible student shall  
19 be enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in Georgia Military College for a minimum of 12  
20 academic hours, and instead of being enrolled in or planning to enroll in the Army Reserve  
21 Officers' Training Corps at the University of North Georgia, such eligible student shall be  
22 enrolled in or planning to enroll in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at  
23 Georgia Military College.

24 (c) Such grants to eligible students at Georgia Military College shall be in the amount of  
25 \$1,500.00 per academic semester.

26 (d) Each eligible student wishing to receive the grant provided for in this Code section  
27 shall submit to Georgia Military College an application for the grant payment at the time  
28 and in accordance with procedures prescribed by the authority. The authority is authorized  
29 to define such terms and prescribe such rules, regulations, and procedures as may be  
30 reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of this Code section. The authority  
31 shall not approve payment of any grant until it has received from an appropriate officer of  
32 Georgia Military College a certification that the student applying for the grant is an eligible  
33 student. Upon timely receipt of such certification, in proper form, the authority is  
34 authorized to pay the grant to Georgia Military College on behalf of and to the credit of the  
35 student. In the event a student on whose behalf a grant is paid does not enroll as a full-time  
36 student for the school term for which the grant is paid, Georgia Military College shall make  
37 a refund to the authority in accordance with regulations of the authority.

38 (e) In the event that the General Assembly does not appropriate funds in excess of that  
39 required to fulfill the grants for eligible students at the University of North Georgia, no  
40 grants under this Code section shall be available for eligible students at Georgia Military  
41 College.

42 (f) Georgia Military College shall be subject to examination by the state auditor for the  
43 sole purpose of determining whether the school has properly certified eligibility and  
44 enrollment of students and credited grants paid on behalf of such students. However,  
45 nothing in this Code section shall be construed to interfere with the authority of the school  
46 to determine admissibility of students or to control its own curriculum, philosophy,  
47 purpose, or administration. In the event it is determined that the school knowingly or  
48 through error certified an ineligible student to be eligible for a grant under this Code  
49 section, the amount of the grant paid to the school pursuant to such certification shall be  
50 refunded by the school to the authority."

51 **SECTION 2.**

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