

The House Committee on High Education offers the following substitute to SB 354:

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 require every public school to post a sign containing the toll-free telephone number operated
3 by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to
4 receive reports of child abuse or neglect; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide that
5 no cause of action is created; to provide for eligibility requirements to receive the HOPE
6 scholarship as a Zell Miller Scholarship Scholar relative to students who graduated from an
7 ineligible high school or a home study program; to require that the Technical College System
8 of Georgia classify certain active duty service members as in-state for tuition purposes; to
9 provide for a definition; to require reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for
10 effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

13 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by
14 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

15 "20-2-324.4.

16 (a) Each public school, including local charter schools and state charter schools, shall post
17 in a clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to
18 students a sign in English and other such languages as may be determined by the local
19 board of education that contains the toll-free telephone number operated by the Division
20 of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to receive reports
21 of child abuse or neglect 24 hours per day and seven days per week.

22 (b) The State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations relating to the size and
23 location of the sign required by subsection (a) of this Code section.

24 (c) No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or
25 omission resulting from posting, or the lack of posting, a sign pursuant to this Code
26 section."

27

SECTION 2.

28 Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions relative to
29 HOPE scholarships and grants, by revising division (27)(A)(iii) as follows:

30 "(iii) Having completed a home study program meeting the requirements of
31 subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 or having graduated from a high school
32 which is not an eligible high school, having received a score in the ~~ninety-third~~
33 ninety-second percentile or higher on the ACT, on the combined critical reading and
34 math portions on a single administration of the SAT administered prior to
35 March 1, 2016, or on the total score on a single administration of the SAT
36 administered on or after March 1, 2016; or"

37

SECTION 3.

38 Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions relative to
39 HOPE scholarships and grants, by revising division (27)(A)(iii) as follows:

40 "(iii) Having completed a home study program meeting the requirements of
41 subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 or having graduated from a high school
42 which is not an eligible high school, having received a score in the ~~ninety-third~~
43 ninety-second percentile or higher on the ACT, on the combined critical reading and
44 math portions on a single administration of the SAT administered prior to
45 March 1, 2016, or on the total score on a single administration of the SAT
46 administered on or after March 1, 2016; or"

47

SECTION 4.

48 Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-4-21, relating to tuition fees for technical
49 and adult education, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

50 "(d)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'active duty service member' means an active
51 duty member of the regular or reserve component of the United States armed forces or
52 the United States Coast Guard who physically resides in the State of Georgia.
53 (2) Active duty service members who would otherwise be classified as out-of-state for
54 tuition purposes shall be classified as in-state for tuition purposes.
55 (3) On January 31 of each year, the Technical College System of Georgia shall provide
56 an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
57 House of Representatives on the total number and dollar value of the waiver of
58 out-of-state tuition fees for active duty service members that have been provided for by
59 this subsection during the preceding calendar year."

60

SECTION 5.

61 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018; except that Section 3 of this Act shall
62 become effective on July 1, 2020.

63

SECTION 6.

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