

Senate Bill 58

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Thompson of the 14th, Williams of the 19th, Albers of the 56th and Harbison of the 15th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the board of regents and university system, so as to provide for leadership and service recognition of students applying to institutions of the university system; to provide for recommendations for admissions to the university system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the board of regents and university system, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 2A

20-3-88.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Leadership and Service Admissions Act.'

20-3-88.1.

As used in this part, the term 'eligible student' means a person who:

(1) Meets the median grade point average and entrance exam scores for the class admitted for the preceding fall semester at the institution for which the student seeks recommendation;

(2) Meets the requirements for a HOPE scholarship as provided for in Code Section 20-3-519.2;

(3) Is a citizen and legal resident of this state;

(4) Has applied or intends to apply for admission into an institution of the university system that offers a Reserve Officers' Training Corps program; and

24 (5) Commits to serve in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program for the entirety
25 of the student's enrollment if such student attends the institution for which such student
26 seeks recommendation.

27 20-3-88.2.

28 (a) Each member of the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Lieutenant Governor
29 may select an eligible student annually for public designation as a Georgia Leadership and
30 Service Scholar and offer a written recommendation for such eligible student for use in the
31 admissions process at an institution of the university system selected by such eligible
32 student.

33 (b) Each member of the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Lieutenant Governor
34 may establish a process for receiving and evaluating eligible students for selection under
35 subsection (a) of this Code section."

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.