

House Bill 467

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to technical and adult education, so as to provide for a tuition waiver for students  
3 from foster care situations enrolling in units within the Technical College System of Georgia;  
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 technical and adult education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "20-4-39.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, 'student from a foster home situation' means an individual  
11 who:

12 (1) Has graduated from a Georgia high school or received a general educational  
13 development (GED) diploma awarded by the Technical College System of Georgia; and

14 (2)(A) For a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first  
15 day of enrollment at any unit of the Technical College System of Georgia has been  
16 committed to the Division of Family and Children Services within the Department of  
17 Human Services under Code Section 15-11-212 and placed in a family foster home or  
18 was placed in accordance with subparagraph (a)(2)(C) of Code Section 15-11-212;

19 (B) For a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day  
20 of enrollment at any unit of the Technical College System of Georgia has been in an  
21 independent living program with the placement funded by the Division of Family and  
22 Children Services; or

23 (C) Is an adopted child who was in the permanent legal custody of and placed for  
24 adoption by the Division of Family and Children Services following his or her  
25 fourteenth birthday.

26 (b) The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia is authorized and directed  
27 to establish a program whereby any student from a foster home situation may attend a unit  
28 of the Technical College System of Georgia without payment of fees, except for supplies  
29 and laboratory or shop fees. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia  
30 shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Code  
31 section."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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