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 repeal the "Drug-free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990"; to remove provisions making 3 students convicted of certain drug offenses ineligible for loans, scholarships, and grants; to 4 provide that students shall not be deemed ineligible for HOPE scholarships or grants based 5 solely on certain convictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and 6 for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by 10 repealing Article 2 of Chapter 1, the "Drug-free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990," in 11 its entirety.

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SECTION 2.

SECTION 1.

13	Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving paragraph (5) in Code Sections
14	20-3-395.4, 20-3-400.6, and 20-3-405.7, relating to ineligibility relative to direct loans,

15	ineligibility relative to graduate on time student loans, and ineligibility relative to education
16	for public service student loan, respectively.

17	SECTION 3.
18	Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-519.1, relating to eligibility for
19	HOPE scholarships or grants, by repealing and reserving paragraph (5) of subsection (b) and
20	by adding a new subsection to read as follows:
21	"(c) A student shall not be deemed ineligible for any scholarship or grant described in this
22	part solely based on a conviction for an offense involving marijuana or a controlled
23	substance."
24	SECTION 4.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.