

The House Committee on Higher Education offers the following substitute to HB 928:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship, so as to extend the period during which a
3 student may receive a HOPE scholarship; to provide for requirements for continued
4 eligibility for certain students; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility
9 requirements for a HOPE scholarship, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection
10 (d) as follows:

11 "(3) Beginning with those students receiving a HOPE scholarship for the first time on or
12 after July 1, 2018, seven 15 years from a student's graduation from high school or
13 the equivalent thereof as determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in its
14 rules and regulations; provided, however, that for a student who serves in the military
15 during such seven-year 15 year period, any such active duty military service served as
16 active duty shall not count against the seven-year 15 year period nor constitute a failure
17 to be enrolled. A student that is ineligible to receive a HOPE scholarship pursuant to this
18 paragraph but who received the HOPE scholarship during the 2010-2011 academic year
19 shall continue to be eligible for the HOPE scholarship until June 30, 2015, as long as such
20 student meets all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, paragraphs
21 (1) and (2) of this subsection. Any student enrolled full-time or part-time in a college or
22 university eligible for HOPE scholarships after June 30, 2018, shall become and remain
23 eligible to receive a HOPE scholarship under the provisions of this paragraph as long as
24 such student meets all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, the
25 requirements provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.