

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to SB 86:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to allow  
3 eligible students participating in the Dual Enrollment program to access HOPE grant funds  
4 for certain CTAE courses irrespective of whether they have reached maximum credit hour  
5 caps; to provide for the Georgia Student Finance Commission to collect and report certain  
6 data; to require the Georgia Student Finance Commission to establish rules and regulations;  
7 to provide for an automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related  
8 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
12 relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new  
13 Code section to read as follows:

14 "20-2-161.4.

15 (a)(1) Beginning July 1, 2023, each student participating in the Dual Enrollment program  
16 provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3 shall be allowed to access HOPE grant funds

17 for eligible CTAE courses, as defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, irrespective of  
18 whether such student has reached any maximum credit hour cap provided for in Code  
19 Section 20-2-161.3.

20 (2) For three years beginning on July 1, 2023, the Georgia Student Finance Commission,  
21 in collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia, shall collect and report  
22 data on:

23 (A) Student enrollment in and completion of at least one eligible CTAE course, as  
24 defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, as part of the Dual Enrollment program provided  
25 for in Code Section 20-2-161.3;

26 (B) HOPE grant funding and Dual Enrollment program funding, including, but not  
27 limited to, the number of students who received such funding and the maximum, mean,  
28 median, and mode amounts of such funding received by students;

29 (C) Postsecondary credits earned by students who received such funding;

30 (D) The number of students who enrolled in a postsecondary degree program after  
31 completing a program of study that includes at least one eligible CTAE course, as  
32 defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, as part of the Dual Enrollment program provided  
33 for in Code Section 20-2-161.3; and

34 (E) The number of students employed in a high-demand field after completing a  
35 focused program of study identified by the State Board of the Technical College System  
36 of Georgia as part of the High-demand Career Initiatives Program provided for in Code  
37 Section 20-4-152.

38 No later than January 1 each year, the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall provide  
39 an interim report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the director of the Office of  
40 Planning and Budget, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the  
41 Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and  
42 the Senate Higher Education Committee. A final report shall be provided to the same no  
43 later than September 1, 2026.

44 (3) The Georgia Student Finance Commission, in consultation with the State Board of  
45 Education, the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, and the Office  
46 of Workforce Development, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the  
47 provisions of this subsection.

48 (b) This Code section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026."

49 **SECTION 2.**

50 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

51 **SECTION 3.**

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