

House Bill 810 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to revise eligibility requirements  
3 for HOPE scholarships for entering freshman students who are home study students  
4 regarding scores on a standardized college admission test; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended in Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating  
10 to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(C) as  
11 follows:

12 "(C) In the case of an otherwise qualified student who:

13 (i) Did not graduate from high school or complete a home study program meeting the  
14 requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 but received the general  
15 educational development (GED) diploma awarded by the Department of Technical  
16 and Adult Education, now known as the Technical College System of Georgia, after  
17 June 30, 1993;

18 (ii) Completed a home study program meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of  
19 Code Section 20-2-690 in lieu of graduating from an eligible high school; or

20 (iii) Graduated from a high school which is not an eligible high school,  
21 earning a score in the ~~eighty-fifth~~ eightieth percentile or higher nationally on a  
22 standardized college admission test, such as the SAT or ACT; and"

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.