

House Bill 38 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 2A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of  
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to the needs based financial aid program, so as to revise the  
3 definition of "eligible student"; to extend an automatic repealer; to provide for related  
4 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Subpart 2A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
8 Annotated, relating to the needs based financial aid program, is amended by revising  
9 paragraph (1) of Code Section 20-3-360, relating to definitions, as follows:

10 "(1) 'Eligible student' means a person:

- 11 (A) Whose family income is considered economically disadvantaged, based on criteria  
12 established by the commission, or who has a financial aid gap;  
13 (B) Who meets any academic or other standards established by the commission;  
14 (C) Who is eligible for a scholarship or grant pursuant to Code Section 20-3-519.1;  
15 (D) Who has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and  
16 (E) Who has completed:

17 (i) Seventy ~~80~~ percent of the credit requirements toward the credential of his or her  
18 program of study, if such program is a four-year program; or  
19 (ii) Forty-five percent of the credit requirements toward the credential of his or her  
20 program of study, if such program is a two-year program."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said subpart is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-366, relating to repealer, as  
23 follows:

24 "20-3-366.

25 This subpart shall stand repealed by operation of law on June 30, ~~2025~~ 2029."

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
28 without such approval.

29 **SECTION 4.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.