By: Representatives Nix of the 69th, Dickey of the 140th, Yearta of the 152nd, Belton of the 112th, and Cheokas of the 138th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-3-519 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
definitions regarding HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to add the Georgia Independent
School Association to the list of accrediting agencies; to provide for an effective date; to
provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6	SECTION 1.
7	Code Section 20-3-519 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
8	regarding HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended by revising paragraph (6) as follows:
9	''(6) 'Eligible high school' means a public or private secondary school which is:
10	(A) Located in Georgia and accredited as such by:
11	(i) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;
12	(ii) The Georgia Accrediting Commission;
13	(iii) The Georgia Association of Christian Schools;
14	(iv) The Association of Christian Schools International;
15	(v) The Georgia Private School Accreditation Council; or
16	(vi) The Southern Association of Independent Schools; or

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17	(vii) The Georgia Independent School Association;
18	provided, however, that between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2015, if a high school
19	located in Georgia was accredited by one of the accrediting agencies included in this
20	subparagraph within the previous two years, such high school shall be considered an
21	eligible high school for purposes of this subparagraph; or
22	(B) Located in another state and accredited by one of the following regional agencies:
23	(i) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;
24	(ii) The New England Association of Schools and Colleges;
25	(iii) The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;
26	(iv) The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;
27	(v) The Northwestern Association of Schools and Colleges;
28	(vi) The Western Association of Schools and Colleges;
29	(vii) The Alabama Independent School Association; or
30	(viii) The Southern Association of Independent Schools."
31	SECTION 2.
32	This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021.
33	SECTION 3.
34	All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.