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## Georgia Residency Now Required for HOPE GED Voucher

Atlanta, GA – On Monday Governor Sonny Perdue signed into law legislation that requires students to meet a 12-month residency requirement in order to be eligible for the HOPE GED Grant. The law was changed to make the HOPE GED Grant available only to Georgia residents who earn a General Education Development (GED/high school equivalency) diploma awarded by the Technical College System of Georgia after June 30, 1993.

The HOPE GED Grant, administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, provides a one-time \$500 award that can be used towards tuition, books, and other educational costs at an eligible public technical college or public or private college or university. Full-time enrollment is not required; however students must use their HOPE GED Grant award within 24 months of the date of their GED diploma. In addition to the \$500 GED Grant, HOPE GED Grant recipients are eligible for the HOPE Scholarship once they have attempted their first 30 semester or 45 quarter hours of study with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

“The HOPE GED Grant, like the other lottery-funded programs, was established to benefit Georgia residents,” states Tim Connell, president of the Georgia Student Finance Commission. “The Governor’s signature on this piece of legislation now ensures that only Georgians will be the beneficiaries of the GED Grant.”

Information about the HOPE Program, and other scholarship and grant programs can be found at [www.GAcollge411.org](http://www.GAcollge411.org).

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### **About the Georgia Student Finance Commission**

Since 1965 the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) has provided more than \$9 billion in financial aid to help **over two million** Georgians achieve their dreams of higher education. GSFC also administers multiple scholarship and grant programs, including the nationally acclaimed HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program. Additional information about GSFC products and services is available at [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org) or (800) 505-GSFC (4732).