IN THE LEGISLATURE

Here are some HOPE-related bills pending in this year's legislative session:

Tennessee

• HB 0013/SB 1402

Requires a student who graduates from high school after June 30, 2014, to have at least a 3.1 GPA, an ACT score of at least 22 or an SAT score of at least 1030 after June 30, 2014 and before July 1, 2015.

Students who graduate after July 1, 2015, must have at least a 3.25 GPA, at least 23 on the ACT score or at least 1070 on the SAT.

• HB 0014/SB 1403

Students must have an overall high school GPA of at least 3.0 and an ACT score of at least 21 or an SAT score of at least 980, instead of one or the other.

• HB0015/SB1401

Limits how long students may receive the HOPE scholarship. Beginning in the fall, students could receive scholarships until they earn a baccalaureate degree; until they have received the grant for eight or 10 semesters, depending on the program, or they have been enrolled for four or five years, depending on the program.

Source: Tennessee General Assembly

Georgia

• SB 334

Would eliminate an SAT requirement for the Zell Miller program. Instead, graduating seniors in the top 3 percent of their high school would automatically qualify.

• SB 336

Would reinstate a cap on family income for students to be eligible for HOPE established by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

• SB 335

Would eliminate a 3.0 GPA requirement for technical college students receiving a HOPE grant.

Source: Georgia General Assembly