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A bill

to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 59‑149‑50, relating to GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND RETENTION, so as to PROVIDE A student who becomes eligible for a LIFE Scholarship may not subsequently become ineligible for retention of the scholarship based on a grade in a dual enrollment class.

 Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 59‑149‑50(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (B) Students receiving a LIFE Scholarship to retain it and students currently enrolled in an eligible institution to receive such a scholarship must earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and earn at least thirty credit hours each year for the maximum of semesters permitted at that institution by Section 59‑149‑60. The cumulative grade point average calculation, for purposes of LIFE scholarship eligibility, must be inclusive of the student's grade point average at all public or independent institutions attended by the student. Beginning with the 2023 high school graduating class, a grade in a dual enrollment class shall not prevent a student from retaining their LIFE scholarship for their second year.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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