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Dear Colleague:

The following is information regarding revisions to the 2016-2017 (FY 2017) Move On When Ready and HOPE Scholarship for Public and Private Institutions and Zell Miller Scholarship Program Regulations. The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) and the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) Boards approved revisions to the Program Regulations at their August 5, 2016 Board meeting. The revisions are effective Fall Term 2016.

2016-2017 Move on When Ready Program Regulations

This revision includes a reordering of Section 1605.2 – Length of Eligibility to clarify the length of a student's eligibility for the MOWR program. Students are eligible to participate for four years and changing a student's graduation date to extend a student's eligibility is prohibited. Further, a student who completes his/her graduation requirements early (ex. December of his/her senior year), may continue to participate in MOWR for the remainder of his/her four years in high school.

2016-2017 HOPE Scholarship for Public and Private Institutions and Zell Miller Scholarship Program Regulations

The revisions clarify that only degree level dual credit enrollment courses receive the additional weighting for purposes of the HOPE/Zell grade point average calculation (see Sections 105.1, 205.1 and 4005.1). Also, the revisions clarify that only degree level dual credit enrollment courses fulfill academic rigor requirements (see Sections 105.2, 205.2 and 4005.2).

The revised Program Regulations will be posted at www.gsfc.org by August 19, 2016. A link to the Program Regulations can also be found at www.GAfutures.org under "Shortcuts."

If you have any questions relating to the revisions of the regulations, please contact Pennie Strong, Vice

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President, Student Aid Services, at 770.724.9014 or email at pennies@gsfc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tricia P. Chastain". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tricia P. Chastain