

House Resolution 789

By: Representatives Barnes of the 97th, Wix of the 33rd, Murphy of the 18th, Walker of the 141st, Buckner of the 95th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the board of regents to adopt a policy allowing paraprofessionals pursuing teaching
2 degrees to substitute their past teaching experience for student teaching otherwise required
3 for a degree; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes that paraprofessionals are an essential part of
5 the education process; and
- 6 WHEREAS, paraprofessionals have extensive teaching experience in classroom settings
7 working under the supervision of professional teachers; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia needs more teachers; and
- 9 WHEREAS, students pursuing teaching degrees are required to obtain real life teaching
10 experience in the classroom setting in order to fulfill their degree requirements; and
- 11 WHEREAS, paraprofessionals who have worked in classroom settings have teaching
12 experience that fulfills in part or exceeds the degree requirements; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has an interest in filling teacher vacancies quickly.
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 this body urges the board of regents to adopt a policy allowing paraprofessionals pursuing
16 teaching degrees to substitute their past teaching experience for student teaching otherwise
17 required for a degree.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the board of regents.