

Senate Resolution 608

By: Senator Scott of the 36th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating the Atlanta Board of Education Charter Review Commission; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, excellence in education begins with effective governance by the local school  
4 board and clearly defining roles and responsibilities between the local board of education  
5 and the superintendent; and

6 WHEREAS, investigating the best practices of boards of education in metropolitan Atlanta,  
7 Georgia, and the nation will provide guidelines for improving the structure and governance  
8 of the Atlanta Board of Education, leading to better educational opportunities for Atlanta's  
9 children.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that there is  
11 created the Atlanta Board of Education Charter Review Commission to be composed of  
12 seven members. The Atlanta Board of Education shall appoint the chairperson and two  
13 members and one member shall be appointed by each of the following: the Atlanta  
14 Committee for Public Education, the Council of Parent Teacher Associations, the Metro  
15 Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and the Atlanta Chapter for the National Association for  
16 Advancement of Colored People. All members shall be appointed no later than May 1,  
17 2002.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall undertake a study of the  
19 conditions, needs, issues, and problems arising from the local Act creating the Atlanta Board  
20 of Education and recommend any actions or legislation that the commission deems  
21 appropriate. The commission shall examine but not be limited to the following matters: the  
22 length of terms for officers, reporting relationship of Comptroller and Internal Audit  
23 function, and structure of investigations for alleged ethics violations and enforcement  
24 process.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission may conduct meetings at such places  
2 and at such times as deemed necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and  
3 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this  
4 resolution. The commission shall have no less than four public forum meetings within the  
5 City of Atlanta. For the purpose of voting, a majority shall be four votes. The Andrew  
6 Young School of Public Policy of Georgia State University shall provide staff support and  
7 research necessary for the commission to complete its task. The commission shall make a  
8 report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation no later  
9 than September 30, 2002. Prior to submitting the report to the General Assembly, the  
10 commission shall submit the report to the Atlanta Board of Education on or before  
11 September 4, 2002. The comments of the Board of Education shall be included in the final  
12 report to the legislature. The commission shall stand abolished on September 30, 2002.