

Senate Resolution 830

By: Senators Starr of the 44th and Hecht of the 34th

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 SENATE that this body urges the board
15 of regents to adopt a policy allowing paraprofessionals pursuing teaching degrees to
16 substitute their past teaching experience for student teaching otherwise required for a degree.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the board of regents.