

House Resolution 1413

By: Representatives Coleman of the 80th, Jamieson of the 22nd, Murphy of the 18th, Coleman of the 142nd, Harbin of the 113th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Paraprofessionals Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a paraprofessional is a person who relates in role and function to a teacher and
3 does a portion of the teacher's job or tasks under the teacher's supervision, and
4 paraprofessionals represent invaluable assets in today's classrooms; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the growing teacher shortage in Georgia will inevitably result in continued
6 reliance upon these dedicated workers, especially in kindergarten through the third grade, and
- 7 WHEREAS, the current shortage and the changing nature of the teaching profession call for
8 a thorough study of the duties and responsibilities that should be delegated to
9 paraprofessionals, the minimum educational and training level required of the position, and
10 a program designed to steer paraprofessionals to the teaching profession.
- 11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 there is created the House Paraprofessional Study Committee to be composed of five
13 members of the House of Representatives, two teachers, and two paraprofessionals to be
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a
15 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
16 meetings of the committee.
- 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
18 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
19 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
20 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
23 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
24 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are

1 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
2 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
3 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
4 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The
5 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.