

Senate Resolution 118

By: Senators James of the 35th, Tate of the 38th, Brown of the 26th, Hecht of the 34th, Paul of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Fulton County Youth Legislature; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the youth of this state are its most precious resource and its greatest
3 responsibility; and

4 WHEREAS, in order to secure a future within a complex society and to grow up to become
5 successful, contributing adults, youth need the commitment of the whole community to assist
6 in their education and development; and

7 WHEREAS, the investment of time and energy on behalf of a child's welfare yields benefits
8 of infinite dimensions; and

9 WHEREAS, the investment of time and energy to provide an opportunity for students to
10 develop an understanding of the functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches
11 of government and an appreciation of the governmental process will yield vast benefits for
12 the future of our state.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that there is
14 created the Fulton County Youth Legislature. Its members shall be students enrolled in
15 private or public schools of this state in grades 11 and 12. Each member of the Fulton
16 County legislative delegation shall select two students from such member's legislative
17 district to serve as a member of the Fulton County Youth Legislature. Such students shall
18 have demonstrated qualities of leadership and intelligence and shall be selected based upon
19 the recommendation of school officials. The Fulton County Youth Legislature is authorized
20 to meet for one day of each year at the state capitol. Its activities shall be coordinated by the
21 members of the Fulton County legislative delegation with the cooperation of volunteer
22 assistants. The Fulton County Youth Legislature is authorized to adopt bylaws to govern its
23 internal procedures, and such body is authorized to adopt such measures as it deems
24 appropriate to present to the General Assembly for consideration. The Department of

- 1 Education may provide staff and logistical support in connection with the Fulton County
- 2 Youth Legislature annual meeting.