

House Resolution 51

By: Representatives Hines of the 35th, Jamieson of the 22nd, Porter of the 119th, Casas of the 68th and Coleman of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Uniform High School Grading; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is no uniform system in Georgia for high school grading, resulting in
4 disparities between school systems in the method of grading academic classes in the high
5 schools of this state; and

6 WHEREAS, this lack of uniformity in grading has created problems for colleges and other
7 postsecondary educational institutions in assessing students for admission and for scholarship
8 opportunities; and

9 WHEREAS, this lack of uniformity sometimes works to the detriment of high school
10 students in Georgia who seek to continue their educations beyond the high school level; and

11 WHEREAS, there is a need to study whether a uniform system of grading would be
12 beneficial to Georgia high school students and should be a part of the educational policy of
13 this state.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 there is created the House Study Committee on Uniform High School Grading to be
16 composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
17 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee
18 as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
21 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
23 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and

1 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The committee may consult with
2 such individuals as it deems appropriate in fulfilling its duties, including, but not limited to,
3 the State School Superintendent, the chancellor of the Board of Regents of the University
4 System of Georgia, the commissioner of the Department of Technical and Adult Education,
5 and high school guidance counselors and other such individuals. The members of the
6 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
7 Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be
8 received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
9 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
10 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
11 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
12 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The
13 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.