

## Senate Resolution 674

By: Senators Kemp of the 46th, Hamrick of the 30th, Hill of the 4th and Williams of the 19th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Improvement of Georgia's Pre-K Program Joint Study Commission; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, more than 566,750 of Georgia's four year-old children have received Pre-K  
4 services totaling more than \$2.124 billion; and

5 WHEREAS, the Pre-K Program is funded by proceeds from the Georgia Lottery for  
6 Education; and

7 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly want to assure the continuing and future  
8 availability of sufficient funds for the Pre-K Program.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 GEORGIA that there is created the Improvement of Georgia's Pre-K Program Joint Study  
11 Commission to be composed of 20 members. The Senate Committee on Assignments shall  
12 appoint four members of the Senate as members of the commission and shall designate one  
13 of such members as cochairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
14 appoint four members of the House of Representatives as members of the commission and  
15 shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. The Governor shall appoint eight  
16 members of the commission which shall include: two members with expertise relating to  
17 early education; one private for profit Pre-K program teacher; one public nonprofit Pre-K  
18 program teacher; one parent of a child attending a for profit Pre-K program; one parent of  
19 a child attending a public nonprofit Pre-K program; the director of a private for profit Pre-K  
20 program; and the director of a public nonprofit Pre-K program. The director of the Office  
21 of School Readiness, director of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, the director of the Georgia  
22 Student Finance Commission, and the state school superintendent shall also serve.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
24 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action

1 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate to improve the Pre-K  
2 program for the future. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at  
3 such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and  
4 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this  
5 resolution. The legislative members of the commission shall receive the allowances provided  
6 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Citizen members  
7 shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code  
8 Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as well as the mileage or  
9 transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Members of the commission who  
10 are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall receive no  
11 compensation for their services on the commission, but they shall be reimbursed for expenses  
12 incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the commission in the  
13 same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or  
14 employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials,  
15 other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to  
16 or otherwise available to their respective departments. The University of Georgia Carl  
17 Vinson Institute of Government and legislative staff support services are authorized and  
18 directed to provide clerical and staff support to the commission. Employees of the  
19 University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government and of the General Assembly  
20 shall receive no additional compensation for their services to the commission, but they shall  
21 be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties for the  
22 commission in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as  
23 state employees. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall  
24 come from funds appropriated to the Senate and House of Representatives. The expenses  
25 and allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the  
26 commission for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the  
27 commission makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for  
28 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2004. The  
29 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2004.