

## House Resolution 1346

By: Representatives McBee of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Greene of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Purcell of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, and Holmes of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Post 1

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the State Superintendent of Schools and the State Board of Education to study the  
2 issue of developing and implementing a standard grading system for Georgia's K-12 public  
3 education system; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the General Assembly adopted a joint resolution in its 2003 session creating the  
5 Improvement of the HOPE Scholarship Joint Study Commission; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the commission and its members worked together in a cooperative and  
7 nonpartisan manner to study the conditions, needs, and issues of the HOPE scholarship  
8 program; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in the course of studying the pertinent issues, the commission learned that there  
10 are as many as 26 different grading systems used in Georgia's public high schools, such that  
11 there is no numeric standard for a letter grade of "B"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, under the HOPE scholarship program, an entering freshman must have a "B"  
13 average to receive a scholarship; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the implementation of a standard grading system would ensure more equitable  
15 treatment for Georgia's students; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the commission considered much testimony and information in its work, which  
17 culminated in the HOPE Scholarship Joint Study Commission Report, a comprehensive,  
18 informative document which details specific recommendations relating to the preservation  
19 and improvement of the HOPE scholarship program; and
- 20 WHEREAS, one of the recommendations of the Improvement of the HOPE Scholarship Joint  
21 Study Commission is that the State Superintendent of Schools and the State Board of

1 Education develop and implement a standard grading system for Georgia's K-12 public  
2 education system.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that the State  
4 Superintendent of Schools and the State Board of Education are strongly urged to study the  
5 issue of developing and implementing a standard grading system for Georgia's K-12 public  
6 education system.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
8 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the State Superintendent of  
9 Schools and the State Board of Education.