

Senate Resolution 889

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require the State Board of Education
2 to establish a state-wide, uniform student discipline code for public schools; to provide for
3 the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Article VIII, Section I of the Constitution is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new
7 Paragraph II to read as follows:

8 "Paragraph II. **Public schools; uniform disciplinary policy.** The State Board of
9 Education shall establish a state-wide uniform disciplinary code for the public schools of
10 this state providing penalties and restrictions for student misconduct or violation of a
11 student code of behavior or conduct, which disciplinary code shall be applied uniformly
12 and fairly to each student without partiality or discrimination. The State Board of
13 Education may choose to adopt different but consistent codes of discipline to apply to
14 different classes of schools, such as elementary, middle, or high schools. All such
15 disciplinary codes shall be uniform to the extent of maximum consideration for the safety
16 and well-being of students and school employees."

17 SECTION 2.

18 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
19 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
20 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

21 "() YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to require the State Board of
22 Education to establish a state-wide uniform student discipline code for
23 () NO public schools?"

24 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

25 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

- 1 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
- 2 become a part of the Constitution of this state.