

Senate Resolution 907

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Georgia Lottery Corporation to adopt advanced technologies to improve the
2 Georgia Lottery for Education and creating the Lottery Technology Joint Study Committee;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, more than 675,000 Georgians have received HOPE scholarships totaling more
5 than \$1.8 billion; and

6 WHEREAS, HOPE scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Georgia Lottery for
7 Education; and

8 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly want to assure the continuing and future
9 availability of sufficient funds for HOPE scholarships; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Lottery Corporation for more than a decade has utilized and
11 promoted "Instant Ticket" technologies involving the dispensing of preprinted instant lottery
12 tickets to improve the proceeds of the Georgia Lottery for Education and fund the HOPE
13 scholarship program; and

14 WHEREAS, further improved technologies may be available to increase the proceeds of the
15 Georgia Lottery for Education and thereby promote the future availability of sufficient funds
16 for the HOPE scholarship.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 GEORGIA that the Georgia Lottery Corporation is encouraged to adopt advanced
19 technologies to improve the Georgia Lottery for Education.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is created the Lottery Technology Joint Study
21 Committee to be composed of ten members. The Senate Committee on Assignments shall
22 appoint two members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall designate one of

1 such members as cochairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint
2 two members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall
3 designate one of such members as cochairperson. The Governor shall appoint four members
4 of the committee who shall include two members with expertise relating to lottery
5 technology. The director of the Georgia Lottery Corporation and the director of the Georgia
6 Student Finance Committee shall also serve. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of
7 the committee.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
9 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
10 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate to improve the technology
11 of the Georgia Lottery for Education program for the future, including without limitation
12 electronic instant lotteries and player activated terminals. The committee may conduct such
13 meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable
14 it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the
15 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the committee shall
16 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
17 Annotated. Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified
18 in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as well
19 as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Members of the
20 committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall
21 receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they shall be reimbursed
22 for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members for the
23 committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state
24 officials or employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state
25 officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds
26 appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective departments. The Carl Vinson
27 Institute of Government of the University of Georgia and legislative staff support services
28 are requested to provide clerical and staff support to the committee. Employees of the Carl
29 Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia and of the General Assembly
30 shall receive no additional compensation for their services to the committee, but they shall
31 be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties for the
32 committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state
33 employees. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall
34 come from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives. The expenses
35 and allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the
36 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the

1 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
2 proposed legislation and proposed action by the Georgia Lottery Corporation, if any, such
3 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2004. The committee shall stand abolished
4 on December 31, 2004.