

Senate Resolution 907

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**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 Senate 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 Senate Study  
21 Committee to be composed of ten members. The Senate Committee on Assignments shall  
22 appoint four members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall designate one

1 of such members as chairperson. The Governor shall appoint four members of the  
2 committee who shall include two members with expertise relating to lottery technology. The  
3 director of the Georgia Lottery Corporation and the director of the Georgia Student Finance  
4 Committee shall also serve. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

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

1 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2004. The committee shall stand abolished  
2 on December 31, 2004.