

House Resolution 443

By: Representative Hembree of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on the HOPE Scholarship Program; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the HOPE Scholarship Program has helped many Georgia students attend
4 colleges and universities in this state; and

5 WHEREAS, it is prudent to periodically review state programs, including the HOPE
6 Scholarship Program, to identify the areas that are successful and any areas which may need
7 to be improved; and

8 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to assess the HOPE Scholarship Program, including but
9 not limited to the impact that results when students transfer between institutions in which
10 credit hours may or may not be honored, and which may cause students to be required to take
11 more credit hours than is allowed under the maximum hour limitations under the program;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes that it is in the best interests of the HOPE
14 Scholarship Program and the students in Georgia to review the program and its impact on
15 students in varying situations.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Study Committee on the HOPE Scholarship
18 Program to be composed of eight members. Four members of the House of Representatives
19 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four members of the
20 Senate shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments to be members of the
21 committee. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on
22 Assignments shall each designate a member of the committee to serve as co-chairperson. The
23 co-chairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may conduct such meetings at such
2 places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully
3 and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes
4 of this resolution. The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances
5 authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the
6 same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary
7 to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the
8 Senate and House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its
9 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
10 shall be made on or before December 31, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished on
11 December 31, 2005.