

Senate Resolution 453

By: Senator Weber of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Elementary School Foreign Language Program;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, academic research shows that the study of foreign language in the primary
4 grades improves students' performance in other areas of academic study; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has encouraged the study of foreign language in the
6 primary grades and developed a successful model that has won national recognition; and

7 WHEREAS, other states have in recent years developed innovative and cost effective models
8 for teaching foreign language; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia has experienced increasing involvement in the international
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, a study of other states' experience and the possible benefits of legislation
12 relating to foreign language instruction will assist this body's future consideration of such
13 issues.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
15 Study Committee on the Elementary School Foreign Language Program to be composed of
16 five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The
17 Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
18 of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues
20 discussed above and other related matters and recommend any action or legislation which
21 the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings
22 at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to

1 exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives
2 and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances
3 provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The
4 allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the
5 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary
6 to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the
7 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with
8 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December
9 31, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2005.