

House Resolution 951

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Higher Education Seamless Transition Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia is fortunate to have an outstanding system and variety of public
4 postsecondary educational opportunities for its citizens through its universities, colleges, and
5 technical colleges; and

6 WHEREAS, many students begin their postsecondary education in one of these institutions
7 and, for a variety of reasons, transfer to another institution prior to receiving their degrees;
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9 WHEREAS, while Georgia's public postsecondary educational institutions provide excellent
10 value for the dollars spent by students enrolled in such institutions, the cost of a
11 postsecondary education is significant; and

12 WHEREAS, in transferring from institution to institution among the public postsecondary
13 institutions in Georgia, many students lose some of their accumulated credit hours because
14 the institutions do not accept certain courses taught at other institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, this inability to transfer credit between public institutions in Georgia drives up
16 the cost of a postsecondary education, extends the time necessary to complete a program of
17 study, and frustrates students; and

18 WHEREAS, to the extent possible, credit hours should be freely transferable between all
19 public postsecondary institutions in this state; and

20 WHEREAS, this problem of transferring credit and how to design courses and courses of
21 study to facilitate the seamless transfer and transition of credit hours between public
22 postsecondary institutions in Georgia deserves study by the House of Representatives.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 there is created the House Higher Education Seamless Transition Study Committee to be
3 composed of the chairperson of the House Committee on Higher Education, who shall serve
4 as chairperson of the committee; the president of each of the public colleges and universities
5 of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee; the president of each of the
6 technical colleges of the Department of Adult and Technical Education or his or her
7 designee; four members to be appointed by the Governor; and the president of the Georgia
8 PTA or his or her designee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
10 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
11 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
12 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
13 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
14 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
15 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
16 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless
17 additional days are authorized. The other members of the committee shall not receive any
18 compensation for service on the committee, but those members who are public employees
19 shall be reimbursed from their agencies for actual travel and other expenses incurred for
20 service on the committee. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution
21 shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the
22 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
23 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 15, 2005. The
24 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2005.