

## House Resolution 1082 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Higher Education Finance and Formula Study Committee; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Department  
4 of Technical and Adult Education provide valuable services to the State of Georgia by  
5 providing education and training necessary to enhance job skills; and

6 WHEREAS, a strong system of higher education enhances Georgia's economy; and

7 WHEREAS, a number of issues and concerns related to the financing of the Board of  
8 Regents of the University System of Georgia have been raised during the 2005 and 2006  
9 regular sessions of the General Assembly; and

10 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia receives a majority  
11 of its funding through a funding formula adopted in 1982 with no comprehensive review in  
12 the years since; and

13 WHEREAS, the funding formula adopted for the Department of Technical and Adult  
14 Education in 2001 was modeled on the Board of Regents of the University System of  
15 Georgia formula and may also need comprehensive review; and

16 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Department  
17 of Technical and Adult Education have been impacted by fluctuations in the economy and  
18 resulting reductions in funding; and

19 WHEREAS, a number of individuals have expressed an interest in including a  
20 performance-based component within the financing methodology for both the Board of  
21 Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Department of Technical and Adult  
22 Education to better link resources provided to outcomes; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Department  
2 of Technical and Adult Education comprise a significant portion of state bond financing in  
3 any given fiscal year; and

4 WHEREAS, many of these issues and concerns warrant further study during the interim  
5 between the 2006 and 2008 regular sessions of the General Assembly.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 there is created the House Higher Education Finance and Formula Study Committee to be  
8 composed of seven members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
9 one member to be appointed by the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia and one  
10 member to be appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Technical and Adult  
11 Education. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member to serve  
12 as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
14 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
15 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. As a minimum the  
16 committee shall:

- 17 (1) Conduct a review of the current financing of the Board of Regents of the University  
18 System of Georgia and the Department of Technical and Adult Education to include an  
19 examination of budgeted revenues and expenditures;
- 20 (2) Recommend revisions to the current funding formula used in calculating funding  
21 needs for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia;
- 22 (3) Recommend revisions to the current funding formula used in calculating funding  
23 needs for the Department of Technical and Adult Education;
- 24 (4) Evaluate alternatives for a performance-based funding component for potential use  
25 as a component of the financing methodology for both the Board of Regents of the  
26 University System of Georgia and the Department of Technical and Adult Education;
- 27 (5) Review capital outlay projections and prioritization methodology for the Board of  
28 Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Department of Technical and Adult  
29 Education; and
- 30 (6) Develop, as needed, a prioritized implementation schedule for any proposed changes  
31 in financing for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the  
32 Department of Technical and Adult Education.

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 provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The other  
6 members of the committee shall serve without compensation. The funds necessary to carry  
7 out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of  
8 Representatives. The expenses and allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be  
9 received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
10 authorized.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is directed to make a report of its findings  
12 and recommendations not later than the convening of the 2008 regular session, at which time  
13 the committee shall be dissolved.