

Senate Resolution 955

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Smith of the 52nd

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

1 Ratifying the initial minimum standard promulgated by the Georgia Public Defender
2 Standards Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Standards Council," entitled "State of
3 Georgia Performance Standards for Juvenile Defense Representation in Indigent
4 Delinquency and Unruly Cases," hereinafter referred to as the "Performance Standard in
5 Juvenile Court"; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, Code Section 17-12-8 of the O.C.G.A. provides that the initial minimum
7 standards promulgated by the Standards Council which are determined by the General
8 Oversight Committee for the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, hereinafter
9 referred to as the "Legislative Oversight Committee," to have a fiscal impact shall be
10 submitted by the Standards Council to the General Assembly and shall become effective only
11 when ratified by joint resolution of the General Assembly and upon the approval of the
12 resolution by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval; and

13 WHEREAS, the Standards Council adopted the Performance Standard in Juvenile Court on
14 December 10, 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, the Legislative Oversight Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2005,
16 reviewed and determined that the Performance Standard in Juvenile Court has a fiscal
17 impact; and

18 WHEREAS, a copy of the original document containing the Performance Standard in
19 Juvenile Court is attached to and made a part of this resolution; and

20 WHEREAS, the original document containing the Performance Standard in Juvenile Court
21 is signed by the chairperson of the Standards Council and is on file in the official records
22 maintained by the Standards Council; and

1 WHEREAS, the request for legislative ratification of the Performance Standard in Juvenile
2 Court has been submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with subsection (c) of Code
3 Section 17-12-8 of the O.C.G.A. and it is the desire of the General Assembly to ratify and
4 approve such standard.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
6 GEORGIA that the General Assembly hereby ratifies and approves the Performance
7 Standard in Juvenile Court adopted by the Standards Council and approved by the
8 Legislative Oversight Committee on March 23, 2005. A copy of the Performance Standard
9 in Juvenile Court has been presented to the Legislative Oversight Committee and is attached
10 to this resolution, and the original document is on file in the official records maintained by
11 the Standards Council.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon its approval
13 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without the Governor's approval.