

House Resolution 1025

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the inclusion of statements
 2 of legislative intent in the general appropriations Act and so as to provide that certain
 3 appropriations must be expended as specifically authorized by the general appropriations
 4 Act; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for
 5 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article III of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (e) of Paragraph XIII of
 9 Section V as follows:

10 "(e) The Governor may approve any appropriation or statement of legislative intent and
 11 veto any other appropriation or statement of legislative intent in the same bill, and any
 12 appropriation or statement of legislative intent vetoed shall not become law unless such
 13 veto is overridden in the manner herein provided."

14 SECTION 2.

15 Said article is further amended by revising Paragraph III of Section IX as follows:

16 "Paragraph III. **General appropriations bill.** (a) The general appropriations bill shall
 17 embrace nothing except appropriations fixed by previous laws; the ordinary expenses of
 18 the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of the government; payment of the
 19 public debt and interest thereon; ~~and for~~ the support of the public institutions and
 20 educational interests of the state; ~~and statements of legislative intent with respect to the~~
 21 purpose and manner of expenditure of appropriated funds. Where a statement of legislative
 22 intent declares that an appropriation is mandatory, that appropriation must be allotted,
 23 approved, and expended for the purpose stated and in the manner stated. The allotment,
 24 approval, and expenditure of other appropriations may be controlled as provided for by
 25 law.

