

## House Resolution 1103

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Teacher Training and Certification; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's over 100,000 teachers are the cornerstone of the state's public  
4 education system; and

5 WHEREAS, because of the importance of providing a quality education to every student, it  
6 is critical that teachers be appropriately educated and prepared to serve in classrooms across  
7 this state; and

8 WHEREAS, in order to appropriately educate and prepare individuals to become effective  
9 and engaging teachers, the teacher education programs that are offered in the public and  
10 private universities and colleges in this state must provide strong curricula, courses, and  
11 instruction; and

12 WHEREAS, the ongoing certification and education requirements of existing teachers is also  
13 a critical component in helping to maintain the level and quality of instruction in our schools;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes that it would be beneficial to assess Georgia's  
16 teacher training programs and certification process and requirements and their impact on the  
17 students in Georgia.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
19 that there is created the Joint Study Committee on Teacher Training and Certification which  
20 shall consist of 15 members as follows:

- 21 (1) The chairperson of the House Committee on Education or his or her designee;  
22 (2) The chairperson of the Senate Education and Youth Committee or his or her  
23 designee;

- 1 (3) The chairperson of the House Committee on Higher Education or his or her designee;
- 2 (4) The chairperson on the Senate Higher Educational Committee or his or her designee;
- 3 (5) One member of the House Committee on Education to be appointed by the Speaker
- 4 of the House of Representatives;
- 5 (6) One member of the Senate Education and Youth Committee to be appointed by the
- 6 President of the Senate;
- 7 (7) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
- 8 House of Representatives;
- 9 (8) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 10 (9) One teacher appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 11 (10) One teacher appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 12 (11) One local school superintendent appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 13 Representatives;
- 14 (12) One principal appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 15 (13) The Chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee;
- 16 (14) The State Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee; and
- 17 (15) The Executive Secretary of the Professional Standards Commission or his or her
- 18 designee.

19 The chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and Senate Education and Youth  
20 Committee, or their designees, shall serve as cochairpersons of the committee. The  
21 cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
23 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
24 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
25 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
26 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
27 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
28 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
29 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless an additional two  
30 days are authorized by the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor. Members of the  
31 commission who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall  
32 receive no compensation for their services on the commission but shall be reimbursed for  
33 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the commission.  
34 The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than  
35 legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise  
36 available to their respective departments. All other funds necessary to carry out the

1 provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to or otherwise available  
2 to the Senate and House of Representatives. In the event that the committee makes a report  
3 of its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation, such report shall be made no  
4 later than December 31, 2008. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.