The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HR 1014:

A RESOLUTION

1 Strongly urging the State Board of Education to establish uniform statewide standards for

2 honors courses; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, there are currently no state-wide standards for honors courses required by the
- 4 State Board of Education, and as a result, there is no uniformity among local school systems
- 5 that offer honors courses to their students; and
- WHEREAS, a high school senior earning a college preparatory diploma must have a 3.0
 grade point average, and a high school senior earning a career/technical diploma must have
 a 3.2 grade point average in order to receive a HOPE scholarship as an entering college
 freshman; and
- 10 WHEREAS, because of the lack of uniformity of honors courses provided across the state,
- 11 high school students who take honors courses do not receive weighted grades for purposes
- 12 of the HOPE scholarship program to compensate for the difficulty of taking such courses;
- 13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses do have statewide
- 15 standards, and course work for these classes does receive weighted values for purposes of
- 16 determining eligibility for a HOPE scholarship; and
- WHEREAS, the implementation of statewide standards for honors courses would ensure
 more equitable treatment for Georgia's students with respect to determining eligibility for
 HOPE each clearbin
- 19 a HOPE scholarship.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

- 21 the State Board of Education is very strongly urged to establish uniform standards for honors
- courses by December 31, 2008.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the State Board of Education.