

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HR 791:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Georgia's Pre-K Program; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia's Pre-K Program has helped many Georgia children prepare to enter
3 kindergarten and elementary school; and

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's Pre-K Program is funded with proceeds from the Georgia Lottery for
5 Education; and

6 WHEREAS, existing state and federal funds may be underutilized that could extend and
7 support Pre-K and childcare programs for low-income populations; and

8 WHEREAS, it is prudent to periodically review state programs, including Georgia's Pre-K
9 Program, to identify the areas that are successful and any areas which may need to be
10 improved; and

11 WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes that it would be beneficial to assess Georgia's
12 Pre-K Program and its impact on the children of Georgia.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 there is created the House Study Committee on Georgia's Pre-K Program to be composed
15 of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
16 House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate one of his appointees to serve as
17 chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
19 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
20 or legislation, including HB 939, which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The
21 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
22 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its

1 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the
2 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
3 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days. The funds
4 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
5 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event that the committee makes a report
6 of its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation, such report shall be made no
7 later than December 31, 2008. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.