

Senate Resolution 1165

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Douglas of the 17th, Grant of the 25th and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the State of Georgia to provide for specialized training of Emergency Medical
2 Services (EMS) personnel by creating and funding an EMS instructor at the Georgia Public
3 Safety Training Center; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia has approximately 14,000 EMS personnel serving the citizens of this
5 state; and

6 WHEREAS, the unique structure of EMS in Georgia creates issues for this state regarding
7 how to ensure that EMS personnel have adequate training opportunities for the protection
8 and health of the citizens of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, there is a vital need to ensure that these EMS personnel continue their education
10 and training in pre-hospital medicine, public safety, and homeland security; and

11 WHEREAS, opportunities for continuing education exist for EMS personnel, but there is not
12 a centralized and coordinated program for specialized training of EMS; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Public Safety Training Center is a comprehensive training complex
14 for use by all state and local public safety related units of government within the State of
15 Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center is to provide
17 high quality, cost effective training to law enforcement, fire service, correctional, emergency
18 medical service, and judicial personnel; and

19 WHEREAS, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and other EMS personnel are
20 currently able to access the facilities at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, but
21 specialized training in relation to EMS and a dedicated instructor for EMS personnel are
22 currently not provided by the state at the training center; and

1 WHEREAS, the creation of an EMS instructor to establish specialized training programs that
2 will address comprehensive emergency situations and provide essential additional continuing
3 education to EMS personnel should be a vital part of the state's public safety strategy.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body urges the State
5 of Georgia to further the specialty training available to EMS professionals by creating the
6 position of an EMS instructor to coordinate the creation of specialized training programs for
7 EMS, recommends that such instructor be located at the Georgia Public Safety Training
8 Center, and intends implementation of these recommendations only upon the full funding for
9 the costs associated with such a position.