

Senate Resolution 1280

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate University System of Georgia Admission Practices and Policies Study
2 Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year, the State of Georgia produces outstanding high school graduates who
4 are ranked among the highest qualified students in the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, many of these students apply for admission to the flagship universities of the
6 University System of Georgia and have a strong desire to further their educations in the State
7 of Georgia at a state university; and

8 WHEREAS, each year, many of these highly qualified students are rejected and denied
9 admission to these universities and, consequently, seek admission to schools located in other
10 states; and

11 WHEREAS, this exodus from our state of many of the best and brightest students results in
12 a loss to this state of their minds and talents and the consequential loss to the economy and
13 future of this state; and

14 WHEREAS, admission to Georgia's premier institutions should be based on merit, and
15 efforts should be made to retain these students in the educational systems of this state; and

16 WHEREAS, there is a need to study the admission practices and policies of the University
17 System of Georgia to ensure that such practices and policies are conducive to the recruitment
18 and retention of these students.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
20 University System of Georgia Admission Practices and Policies Study Committee to be
21 composed of five members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The

1 Lieutenant Governor shall designate one of the members of the committee to serve as
2 chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
4 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
5 or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
6 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
7 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
8 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
9 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
10 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
11 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
12 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event that the committee makes a report
13 of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
14 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008. The committee shall stand abolished
15 on December 31, 2008.