

House Resolution 1877

By: Representative Dollar of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on University System of Georgia Admission Practices
2 and Policies; 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 university and other
6 universities of the University System of Georgia and have a strong desire to further their
7 educations in the State 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 there is created the House Study Committee on University System of Georgia Admission
21 Practices and Policies to be composed of five members of the House appointed by the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate one of the members

1 of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
2 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 House of Representatives. In the event that the committee
13 makes a report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed
14 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008. The
15 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.