

Senate Resolution 1292

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Grant of the 25th, Mullis of the 53rd, Douglas of the 17th and Thompson of the 33rd

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the State of Georgia to provide for specialty training of Emergency Medical Services
2 (EMS) personnel by creating and funding an EMS training program 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 specialty training of EMS personnel; 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 specialty 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 training program to establish specialty training that will
2 address comprehensive emergency situations and provide essential additional training to
3 EMS personnel should be a vital part of this 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 an
6 EMS training program to coordinate the creation of specialty training for EMS personnel,
7 recommends that such program be located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, if
8 feasible, and intends implementation of these recommendations only upon the full funding
9 for the costs associated with such a program.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Marty Billings, Director of the Georgia
12 Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma of the Department of Human Resources,
13 Division of Public Health; Dale Mann, Director of the Georgia Public Safety Training
14 Center; Courtney Terwilliger, Chairman of the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical
15 Services; and the Governor.