

House Resolution 1103 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Hembree of the 67th, Casas of the 103rd, Jones of the 46th, Maxwell of the 17th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Teacher Training and Certification; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's over 100,000 teachers are the cornerstone of the state's public
4 education system; and

5 WHEREAS, because of the importance of providing a quality education to every student, it
6 is critical that teachers be appropriately educated and prepared to serve in classrooms across
7 this state; and

8 WHEREAS, in order to appropriately educate and prepare individuals to become effective
9 and engaging teachers, the teacher education programs that are offered in the public and
10 private universities and colleges in this state must provide strong curricula, courses, and
11 instruction; and

12 WHEREAS, the ongoing certification and education requirements of existing teachers is also
13 a critical component in helping to maintain the level and quality of instruction in our schools;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes that it would be beneficial to assess Georgia's
16 teacher training programs and certification process and requirements and their impact on the
17 students in Georgia.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
19 that there is created the Joint Study Committee on Teacher Training and Certification which
20 shall consist of 16 members as follows:

- 21 (1) The chairperson of the House Committee on Education or his or her designee;
22 (2) The chairperson of the Senate Education and Youth Committee or his or her
23 designee;

- 1 (3) The chairperson of the House Committee on Higher Education or his or her designee;
 2 (4) The chairperson of the Senate Higher Education Committee or his or her designee;
 3 (5) One member of the House Committee on Education to be appointed by the Speaker
 4 of the House of Representatives;
 5 (6) One member of the Senate Education and Youth Committee to be appointed by the
 6 President of the Senate;
 7 (7) One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
 8 House of Representatives;
 9 (8) One member of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate;
 10 (9) One teacher appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 11 (10) One teacher appointed by the President of the Senate;
 12 (11) One local school superintendent appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 13 Representatives;
 14 (12) One principal appointed by the President of the Senate;
 15 (13) The Chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee;
 16 (14) The State Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee;
 17 (15) The Executive Secretary of the Professional Standards Commission or his or her
 18 designee; and
 19 (16) One representative of a private nonprofit college or university in Georgia which has
 20 a teacher education program, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 21 The chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and Senate Education and Youth
 22 Committee, or their designees, shall serve as cochairpersons of the committee. The
 23 cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
 25 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
 26 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
 27 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
 28 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
 29 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
 30 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
 31 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless an additional two
 32 days are authorized by the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor. Members of the committee
 33 who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall receive no
 34 compensation for their services on the committee but shall be reimbursed for expenses
 35 incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee. The funds
 36 necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative

1 members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available
2 to their respective departments. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
3 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to or otherwise available to the Senate and
4 House of Representatives. In the event that the committee makes a report of its findings and
5 recommendations for proposed legislation, such report shall be made no later than December
6 31, 2008. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.