

House Resolution 1480

By: Representative Collins of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia so as to provide that lottery funds
2 may be used for programs within the public schools to assist children with diagnosed
3 learning disabilities; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph
8 (c) as follows:

9 "(c) The General Assembly may by law provide for the operation and regulation of a
10 lottery or lotteries by or on behalf of the state and for any matters relating to the purposes
11 or provisions of this subparagraph. Proceeds derived from the lottery or lotteries operated
12 by or on behalf of the state shall be used to pay the operating expenses of the lottery or
13 lotteries, including all prizes, without any appropriation required by law, and for
14 educational programs and purposes as hereinafter provided. Lottery proceeds shall not be
15 subject to Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II; Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(a);
16 or Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c), except that the net proceeds after payment of
17 such operating expenses shall be subject to Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II. Net
18 proceeds after payment of such operating expenses shall be separately accounted for and
19 shall be specifically identified by the Governor in his annual budget presented to the
20 General Assembly as a separate budget category entitled 'Lottery Proceeds' and the
21 Governor shall make specific recommendations as to educational programs and educational
22 purposes to which said net proceeds shall be appropriated. In the General Appropriations
23 Act adopted by the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall appropriate all net
24 proceeds of the lottery or lotteries by such separate budget category to educational
25 programs and educational purposes. Such net proceeds shall be used to support
26 improvements and enhancements for educational programs and purposes and such net
27 proceeds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, non-lottery educational resources for

28 educational programs and purposes. The educational programs and educational purposes
 29 for which proceeds may be so appropriated shall include only the following:

30 (1) Tuition grants, scholarships, or loans to citizens of this state to enable such citizens
 31 to attend colleges and universities located within this state, regardless of whether such
 32 colleges or universities are operated by the board of regents, or to attend institutions
 33 operated under the authority of the Department of Technical and Adult Education;

34 (2) Voluntary pre-kindergarten;

35 (3) One or more educational shortfall reserves in a total amount of not less than 10
 36 percent of the net proceeds of the lottery for the preceding fiscal year;

37 (4) Costs of providing to teachers at accredited public institutions who teach levels
 38 K-12, personnel at public postsecondary technical institutes under the authority of the
 39 Department of Technical and Adult Education, and professors and instructors within the
 40 University System of Georgia the necessary training in the use and application of
 41 computers and advanced electronic instructional technology to implement interactive
 42 learning environments in the classroom and to access the state-wide distance learning
 43 network; ~~and~~

44 (5) Capital outlay projects for educational facilities; and

45 (6) Programs in the public schools grades K-12 to assist children with diagnosed
 46 learning disabilities;

47 provided, however, that no funds shall be appropriated for the items listed in paragraphs
 48 (4) and (5) of this subsection until all persons eligible for and applying for assistance as
 49 provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection have received such assistance, all approved
 50 pre-kindergarten programs provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection have been fully
 51 funded, and the education shortfall reserve or reserves provided for in paragraph (3) of this
 52 subsection have been fully funded."

53 SECTION 2.

54 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
 55 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
 56 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

57 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to provide that lottery funds
 58 may be used for programs within the public schools to assist children with
 59 () NO diagnosed learning disabilities?"

60 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
 61 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
 62 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
 63 become a part of the Constitution of this state.