

Senate Resolution 152

By: Senator Weber of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Governor to appoint a working group to study the establishment of "Governor's
2 Academies"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Governor appointed a working group on July 10, 2008, to review a national
4 report called *Tough Choices or Tough Times* to determine how Georgia might reform its
5 education policies and practices to cause needed change for its educational system; and

6 WHEREAS, the Governor charged the group with creating "a blueprint for change that will
7 facilitate higher achievement, thereby increasing Georgia's economic competitiveness
8 through our most valuable resource – our children"; and

9 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the work of this group to be continued and to examine
10 the establishment of Governor's Academies; and

11 WHEREAS, a Governor's Academy should implement best practices identified by the
12 Governor's Investing in Educational Excellence Task Force, implement recommendations
13 of the Governor's Working Group on *Tough Choices and Tough Times*, demonstrate that the
14 cost models established by the Governor's Investing in Educational Excellence Task Force
15 work, demonstrate the effectiveness of school level governance, demonstrate efficiency,
16 serve as a teacher/leadership lab school in conjunction with a university, and drive economic
17 development; and

18 WHEREAS, a working group should make recommendations as to how Governor's
19 Academies should be structured and where they should be located and should contact and
20 solicit partnerships with local boards of education, community groups, businesses, and
21 universities and colleges for each school.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body urges the
23 Governor to appoint a working group to study the establishment of "Governor's Academies."