

Senate Resolution 465

By: Senator Weber of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the value of partnerships between local school systems and postsecondary
2 institutions and urging the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Georgia's
3 private colleges and universities, the Department of Education, the Professional Standards
4 Commission, and local school systems to continue to establish and enable such partnerships;
5 and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, the Joint Study Committee on Teacher Training and Certification studied the
7 issue of partnerships between local school systems and public and private colleges and
8 universities during a course of meetings in 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, the study committee learned that partnerships between local school systems and
10 public and private colleges and universities have proven to be an effective way to recruit and
11 train teachers and support local initiatives to improve academic achievement; and

12 WHEREAS, examples of such successful partnerships already established in Georgia include
13 Coweta County School System/University of West Georgia, Gainesville City School
14 System/Brenau University, and Screven County School System/Georgia Southern
15 University; and

16 WHEREAS, as a result of the work of the Joint Study Committee on Teacher Training and
17 Certification, it recommended that these partnerships be promoted; and

18 WHEREAS, the study committee also recommended that the Professional Standards
19 Commission provide the needed flexibility to promote these partnerships and that the Board
20 of Regents of the University System of Georgia and Georgia's private colleges and
21 universities recognize the value of the work that professors contribute to promote such
22 partnerships.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
24 that this body recognizes the value of partnerships between local school systems and
25 postsecondary institutions and urges the Board of Regents of the University System of
26 Georgia, Georgia's private colleges and universities, the Department of Education, the
27 Professional Standards Commission, and local school systems to continue to establish and
28 enable such partnerships.