

Senate Resolution 465

By: Senator Weber of the 40th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**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.