

House Resolution 1360

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Willard of the 49th, Ehrhart of the 36th, McKillip of the 115th, Rogers of the 26th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lottery Corporation to review and reconsider
2 policies and procedures related to compensation of personnel to include production incentive
3 payments and other bonus payments; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Code Section 50-27-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated creates a body
5 corporate and politic to be known as the Georgia Lottery Corporation which shall be deemed
6 to be an instrumentality of the state, and not a state agency, and a public corporation with the
7 venue of the corporation in Fulton County; and

8 WHEREAS, Code Section 50-27-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated establishes
9 that the Georgia Lottery Corporation shall be governed by a board of directors with the
10 membership of the board to be composed of seven members to be appointed by the Governor
11 and confirmed by the Senate; and

12 WHEREAS, Code Section 50-27-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated establishes
13 the duties of the board of directors to include the approval, disapproval, amendment, and
14 modification of the budget recommended by the chief executive officer for the operation of
15 the corporation; and

16 WHEREAS, Code Section 50-27-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides that
17 the board of directors shall appoint and shall provide for the employment and compensation
18 of a chief executive officer who shall be an employee of the corporation and who shall direct
19 the day-to-day operations and management of the corporation and shall be vested with such
20 powers and duties as specified by the board and by law; and

21 WHEREAS, Code Section 50-27-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides for
22 the general powers of the corporation to include adopting, amending, and repealing bylaws,
23 regulations, and policies and procedures for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of

24 its business; to elect and prescribe the duties of officers and employees of the corporation;
25 and to perform such other matters as the corporation may determine; and

26 WHEREAS, Code Section 50-27-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides the
27 corporation shall establish and maintain a personnel program for its employees and fix the
28 compensation and terms of compensation of its employees, including, but not limited to,
29 production incentive payments; and

30 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is currently mired in one of the worst economic downturns
31 in state history; and

32 WHEREAS, state employees, K-12 teachers, and University System faculty have been
33 subjected to multiple furlough days without pay, deferred salary increases, increases in state
34 health benefit premiums and copayments, and increased fees; and

35 WHEREAS, state employees, K-12 teachers, and University System faculty may continue
36 to see stagnation or continued erosion in their compensation packages as the state manages
37 through the current recession; and

38 WHEREAS, the public has expressed outrage over compensation packages and bonus
39 payments by many private companies during the economic downturn.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body urge the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lottery Corporation to
42 reconsider the current practice of paying a bonus in years that other personnel, K-12 teachers,
43 and University System faculty are experiencing loss of pay through furloughs, pay
44 reductions, increased health benefit premiums, and no salary increases.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Board of Directors of
47 the Georgia Lottery Corporation and Governor Sonny Perdue.