House Resolution 383
By: Representatives Rynders of the 152nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, England of the 108th, Roberts of the 154th, Powell of the 171st, and others

A RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide that increases in tuition and fees at institutions of the University System of Georgia shall not exceed the rate of inflation unless approved by joint resolution of the General Assembly; to provide for this amendment to be self-executing but authorize general laws relating to its implementation; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph I of the Constitution, relating to the University System of Georgia, is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

“(g) This subparagraph shall apply to any increase in tuition or student fees at any institution in the university system. No such increase in any calendar year which exceeds the rate of inflation for the immediately preceding calendar year shall become effective unless approved by a joint resolution of the General Assembly. For the purposes of this paragraph, the rate of inflation shall be measured by the Consumer Price Index for the United States compiled by the United States Department of Labor or by such other measure of inflation as may be specified by Act of the General Assembly. This subparagraph shall be self-executing, but the General Assembly may by general law further define the terms used in this subparagraph, provide for the administration of this subparagraph, and provide exceptions to the requirement for approval by joint resolution.”

SECTION 2.
The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

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Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to provide that increases in tuition and fees at institutions of the University System of Georgia shall not exceed the rate of inflation unless approved by joint resolution of the General Assembly?

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

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