

House Resolution 459

By: Representatives Dudgeon of the 24th, Carter of the 175th, Huckaby of the 113th, Coleman of the 97th, Nix of the 69th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the Georgia Professional Standards Commission rule change on certificate
2 upgrades for advanced degrees that come from providers that meet established quality
3 standards and for degrees that are in a field for which the Professional Standards Commission
4 offers a certificate; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Georgia is the third highest in the nation for advanced degree compensation for
6 educators while near the bottom for advanced degree standards and rigor; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia must create a stronger connection between advanced degrees, work in
8 schools, student achievement, and salary increases; and

9 WHEREAS, all postsecondary institutions and advanced degrees leading to certificate
10 upgrades in Georgia should meet the same levels of quality in Georgia Professional
11 Standards Commission approved institutions and programs; and

12 WHEREAS, the development of expertise requires continuous and intensive study in a field,
13 and this study is supported by programs and institutions that offer degrees directly focused
14 on increasing the educator's capacity to improve teaching and learning; and

15 WHEREAS, the value of advanced degrees is recognized as long as these degrees relate to
16 work essential for the improvement of teaching and learning.

17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA
18 that this body strongly supports the Georgia Professional Standards Commission rule change
19 that certificate upgrades shall only be extended for degrees that come from providers that
20 meet established quality standards and for degrees that are in a field for which the
21 Professional Standards Commission offers a certificate.