

House Resolution 1640

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 4th, Abrams of the 84th, Hugley of the 133rd, Murphy of the 120th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lottery Corporation to approve the use of video
2 lottery terminals; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Lottery has been helping to fund the education of Georgia's
4 children for over 15 years; and

5 WHEREAS, over 1.1 million Georgia college students have received HOPE scholarships
6 funded by the Georgia Lottery, and over 900,000 Georgia children have benefited from
7 pre-K programs funded by the Georgia Lottery; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia families have come to depend on the HOPE scholarships and pre-K
9 programs generated through the Georgia Lottery; however, the state's lottery revenue growth
10 using traditional lottery games has reached its apex; and

11 WHEREAS, lottery expenditures for HOPE scholarships and pre-K programs are projected
12 to continue to increase annually and exceed revenue brought in through the Georgia Lottery;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, because Georgia is one of the fastest growing states in the nation, the demand
15 for the programs funded by the Georgia Lottery will continue to increase; and

16 WHEREAS, the rising costs of higher education and pre-K programs will also place
17 additional demands on the money generated by the Georgia Lottery; and

18 WHEREAS, without a substantial increase in lottery revenues, Georgia parents and students
19 are likely to experience increasingly significant reductions in the availability of HOPE
20 scholarships and pre-K programs in the coming years; and

21 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lottery Corporation is obligated to
22 consider all revenue raising options available to increase lottery revenues to fund HOPE
23 scholarships and pre-K programs; and

24 WHEREAS, the offering of lottery games through video lottery terminals is estimated by
25 some to be a source of an additional \$1 billion in revenue for the lottery-funded HOPE
26 scholarships and pre-k programs and should be utilized by the Georgia Lottery Corporation.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body urge the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lottery Corporation to
29 approve the offering of lottery games through video lottery terminals.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge that the approval and
31 installation of such video lottery terminals shall be at the sole discretion of local jurisdictions,
32 which shall participate in the profit-sharing from such terminals.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Board of Directors of
35 the Georgia Lottery Corporation and Governor Nathan Deal.