

House Resolution 1186

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Carter of the 175th, Glanton of the 75th, Dickson of the 6th, Chandler of the 105th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education to impose
2 as a requirement for high school graduation the successful completion of a SKILLS FOR
3 SUCCESS financial literacy class; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the members of this body continue to see young people graduate from Georgia
5 high schools who do not have a workable understanding of business and the basic financial
6 skills needed in today's society; and

7 WHEREAS, in order to be successful and manage their lives and to be responsible and
8 productive citizens, young people need to learn certain job acquisition skills; and

9 WHEREAS, these skills include, but are by no means limited to, the ability to write a
10 resume; the ability to conduct a job interview; an understanding of the importance of a good
11 work ethic; the ability to balance a checkbook and maintain checking and savings accounts;
12 an understanding of the need for and how to purchase life, home, automobile, health, and
13 other insurance; an appreciation for the proper use of debit cards, credit cards, and other debt
14 instruments; the ability to read and understand contracts; an understanding of the importance
15 of budgeting, saving, and planning for the financial future; an understanding of how
16 government works at the local, county, state, and federal levels; an understanding of the
17 importance of voting; and an understanding of the soft skills needed for employability; and

18 WHEREAS, the members of this body believe that such basic skills would be best taught to
19 young people through a class as a part of their high school education and that successful
20 completion of such a class should be required for high school graduation.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body request the State Board of Education and the State Department of
23 Education to impose as a requirement for high school graduation the successful completion
24 of a basic SKILLS FOR SUCCESS financial literacy class.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the State
27 Board of Education and to the State School Superintendent.