

Senate Resolution 1042

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th, Davenport of the 44th,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging local school systems and schools in Georgia to adopt policies that prohibit the use of
2 tobacco on campus and at school facilities; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, most of Georgia's local school systems currently have policies in place which
4 prohibit the possession and use of tobacco and electronic cigarettes at school facilities by
5 students; and

6 WHEREAS, these school systems include instruction on the consequences of using tobacco
7 as part of their curriculum; and

8 WHEREAS, educators across this state serve as role models for their students, and it is
9 imperative that they abstain from the use of tobacco products while in the vicinity of
10 students; and

11 WHEREAS, research has shown that smoking harms nearly every organ in the body; and

12 WHEREAS, smoking and tobacco use are known to cause many diseases and reduce the
13 health of tobacco users in general; and

14 WHEREAS, more deaths are caused each year by tobacco use than by all deaths from HIV,
15 illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, suicides, and murders combined; and

16 WHEREAS, smoking causes 90 percent of all lung cancer deaths in men and 80 percent of
17 all lung cancer deaths in women; and

18 WHEREAS, smoking is associated with numerous adverse health effects, and smokeless
19 tobacco users are at heightened risk for oral cancer; and

20 WHEREAS, there are adverse effects for both smokers and those exposed to secondhand
21 smoking; and

22 WHEREAS, high school students who use tobacco are more likely to use other drugs at some
23 point.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 urge local schools and local school systems to establish policies that prohibit the use of
26 tobacco products and electronic cigarettes by students on their campuses and in their
27 facilities and to create educational curriculums to inform students of the risks of tobacco use.