

## Senate Resolution 13

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Jones of the 10th, Fort of the 39th, James of the 35th,  
Lucas of the 26th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to create policies or  
2 programs to award academic credit to students for college level learning acquired prior to  
3 their admission into the university system; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, this body has found that the growth and development of this state have been and  
5 will undoubtedly remain strongly related to the degree to which educational opportunities are  
6 provided to all citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Georgia provides that the government, control, and  
8 management of the university system and all institutions of said system are vested in the  
9 board of regents; and

10 WHEREAS, many students entering institutions of the University System of Georgia have  
11 acquired college level knowledge in the workplace, through military service, in the  
12 community, or through independent study; and

13 WHEREAS, a student can save time and money in completing degree programs if the  
14 institution at which a student enrolls assesses such student's college level knowledge and  
15 awards academic credit as appropriate based on such an assessment; and

16 WHEREAS, awarding academic credit for a student's prior learning will increase the  
17 likelihood that the student will complete a degree program and achieve his or her academic  
18 and economic goals; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia's economic development depends upon a well-educated workforce with  
20 the academic credentials necessary to compete in the job market.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 join together to encourage the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to

23 create policies or programs to award academic credit to students for college level learning  
24 acquired prior to their admission into the university system.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Board of  
27 Regents of the University System of Georgia.