

House Resolution 71

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the HOPE Scholarship Program Award Amount for
2 Critical Fields of Study; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the HOPE scholarship program plays a significant role in the postsecondary
4 education landscape of this state; and

5 WHEREAS, the HOPE scholarship program has helped many Georgia students attend
6 colleges and universities in this state; and

7 WHEREAS, several career fields in this state suffer, or are forecasted to suffer, from a
8 shortage of persons who have completed the necessary postsecondary educational
9 requirements for such career fields; and

10 WHEREAS, adjustments in the amount of the HOPE scholarship award made to eligible
11 students who pursue certain fields of study at eligible private postsecondary institutions could
12 help produce a workforce that eliminates the shortfall of workers in critical career fields.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

14 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
15 on the HOPE Scholarship Program Award Amount for Critical Fields of Study.

16 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of three members of the
17 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
18 The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

19 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
20 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
21 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

22 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
23 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

26 **(5) Allowances and funding.**

27 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
28 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

29 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
30 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
32 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

33 **(6) Report.**

34 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
35 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
36 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
37 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

38 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
39 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
40 of this paragraph.

41 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
42 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
43 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
44 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

45 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
46 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
47 thereof.

48 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.