

Senate Resolution 287

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia so as to allow the General Assembly  
2 to authorize the establishment of an Opportunity School District to provide for state  
3 intervention for failing schools; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission  
4 of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 6 SECTION 1.

7 Article VIII, Section V of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read  
8 as follows:

9 "Paragraph VIII. *Opportunity School District.* Notwithstanding the provisions of  
10 Paragraph II of this section, the General Assembly may provide by general law for the  
11 creation of an Opportunity School District and authorize the state to assume the  
12 supervision, management, and operation of public elementary and secondary schools which  
13 have been determined to be failing through any governance model allowed by law. Such  
14 authorization shall include the power to receive, control, and expend state, federal, and  
15 local funds appropriated, all in the manner provided by and in accordance with general  
16 law."

### 17 SECTION 2.

18 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as  
19 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the  
20 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

21 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow the state to intervene  
22 ( ) NO in chronically failing public schools in order to improve student  
23 performance?"

24 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."  
25 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If  
26 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall  
27 become a part of the Constitution of this state.