

Senate Resolution 287

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Tippins of the 37th, Jeffares of the 17th, Sims of the 12th, Gooch of the 51st and others

ADOPTED SENATE

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 for schools under the current or prior supervision, management,
16 or operation of the Opportunity School District, all in the manner provided by and in
17 accordance with general law."

18 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

25 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

26 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

27 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
28 become a part of the Constitution of this state.