

House Resolution 1311

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on College Course Credit; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, students who score a 3 or higher on Advanced Placement exams are more likely
3 to graduate from college on time; and
- 4 WHEREAS, students have the potential to save time and money through credit-granting
5 policies; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a total of 91,413 of Georgia's public and private high school students earned a
7 3, 4, or 5 on AP exams in 2015; and
- 8 WHEREAS, if at least 3 college credits were earned for each AP score of 3 or higher,
9 Georgia students would earn 274,239 college credits, saving the students and their families
10 almost \$77.2 million in college costs in 2015; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the granting of course credit is inconsistent across each public institution of
12 higher education and each such examination; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the conditions necessary for each public institution of higher education to grant
14 course credit, including the minimum required scores on such examinations, are not currently
15 known by students, parents, and secondary schools; and
- 16 WHEREAS, each public institution of higher education's course credit or other academic
17 requirements that the student satisfied by achieving the minimum required scores on such
18 examinations is not currently known by students, parents, and secondary schools; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the credit policy of colleges and universities is not communicated to local
20 school systems and secondary school counselors and school leaders; and

21 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to determine the feasibility of the Board of Regents of
22 the University System of Georgia and the State Board of the Technical College System of
23 Georgia, in consultation with the governing board of each public institution of higher
24 education, establishing a policy for granting undergraduate course credit to entering students
25 who have taken one or more Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge Advanced (A/AS),
26 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or International Baccalaureate (IB)
27 examinations, and possible consideration given to Dual Enrollment courses that result in
28 college credit.

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

30 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
31 on College Course Credit.

32 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
33 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate one of such members as chairperson.

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

38 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
39 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
40 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
41 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

42 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
43 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
44 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
45 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
46 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
47 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

48 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

63 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.