

## House Resolution 101

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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, the 54,000 school-age students whose parents serve in the military are transient  
7 and would benefit from credit-granting policies; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 2016, there were more than 98,000 instances of Georgia's public and private  
9 high school students earning scores of either 3, 4, or 5 on AP exams; and
- 10 WHEREAS, if at least three college credits were earned for each AP score of 3 or higher,  
11 Georgia students would earn 295,578 college credits, saving the students and their families  
12 over \$77.2 million in college costs in 2016; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the granting of course credit is inconsistent across each public institution of  
14 higher education and each such examination, including Advanced Placement (AP),  
15 Cambridge Advanced (A/AS), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or International  
16 Baccalaureate (IB) exams; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the conditions necessary for each public institution of higher education to grant  
18 course credit, including the minimum required scores on such examinations, are not currently  
19 known by students, parents, and secondary schools; and

20 WHEREAS, each public institution of higher education's course credit or other academic  
21 requirements that the student satisfied by achieving the minimum required scores on such  
22 examinations is not currently known by students, parents, and secondary schools; and

23 WHEREAS, the credit policy of public institutions of higher learning is not communicated  
24 to local school systems and secondary school counselors and school leaders; and

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

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

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

35 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
36 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
37 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
38 of the committee.

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

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

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

52 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

67 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.