

House Resolution 1039

By: Representatives Belton of the 112th, Dickerson of the 113th, Nix of the 69th, Stovall of the 74th, and Beskin of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Ennobling the Teaching Profession; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, teaching is a noble calling, and Western Civilization is continually indebted,
4 time and again, to the gift and mentorship of dedicated teachers; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States depends on teachers for the continued renewal of our
6 Republic, and the education of the young people of Georgia is the single most important
7 mission of the General Assembly; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia invests more than half of its revenue in the education of
9 future generations, and this body looks to the teachers of this state to mentor the leaders of
10 tomorrow; and

11 WHEREAS, the local boards of education employ more than 100,000 teachers throughout
12 the state; and

13 WHEREAS, the K-12 student enrollment climbs every year as enrollment in teacher
14 preparation programs has dropped 11 percent on average since 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, 54 percent of teachers said they do not encourage students to become teachers;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the countries that score best on standardized tests focus their attention on
18 quality teachers and not quality tests; and

19 WHEREAS, leadership programs, mentoring, strong recruitment and retention programs,
20 service cancelable loan programs, more clinical practice, and other ideas should be studied
21 to strengthen the teacher pipeline; and

22 WHEREAS, with the creation of a House Study Committee on Ennobling the Teaching
23 Profession, communities across the state will collectively develop forward-thinking policies
24 and implementation plans to be presented during the 2018 legislative session.

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

26 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
27 on Ennobling the Teaching Profession.

28 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
29 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
30 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
31 of the committee.

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

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

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

45 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

60 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.