

House Resolution 1475

By: Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Martin of the 49th, Hogan of the 179th, and Douglas of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Encouraging the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) to perform a thorough
2 assessment of its operations and practices pertaining to the inclusion of GHSA member
3 officials on the GHSA Executive Committee; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the GHSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that organizes and conducts
5 competitive high school sports activities for its member school systems; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the GHSA is an independent corporation governed by its Executive Committee,
7 which is elected by its member school systems pursuant to its constitution and bylaws; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the GHSA is supported by the dues of its member officials and others; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the GHSA Executive Committee is created by 66 members representing 22
10 subcommittees; one member for every region by classification; four at-large members; six
11 other state associations, including the State Department of Education, Georgia School Boards
12 Association, Georgia School Superintendents Association, Georgia Association of Secondary
13 School Principals, Georgia Athletic Coaches Association, and Georgia Athletic Directors
14 Association; and
- 15 WHEREAS, no relevant official represents the body of 9,000 member officials; and
- 16 WHEREAS, an analysis should assist in determining the necessity of the inclusion of GHSA
17 member officials by way of the Georgia Athletic Officials Association (GAOA) to its
18 Executive Committee as most all other state level associations have been included; and
- 19 WHEREAS, this appointment to the GHSA Executive Committee should be resourced by
20 way of the GAOA; and

21 WHEREAS, both parties, the GHSA and the GAOA along with nationally recognized
22 organizations such as the National Association of Sports Officials and the National
23 Federation of State High School Associations, have agreed there is a shortage of officials.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body encourage the GHSA to perform a thorough assessment of its
26 operations and practices pertaining to the inclusiveness of the GAOA and member officials
27 to its Executive Committee.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Executive Director of the Georgia High School Association.