

House Resolution 1668

By: Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Barnes of the 86th, Olaleye of the 59th, Draper of the 90th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Education and local school systems to prioritize the inclusion of
2 ex officio, honorary, and nonvoting student representatives on its local boards of education
3 to increase student engagement and advocacy in the policy issues that determine academic
4 outcomes for Georgia's children; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, other states currently allow for local boards of education to appoint a student
6 board representative in the manner and for a term prescribed by the local board; and

7 WHEREAS, student board representatives hold the same powers and duties as a member of
8 the board of directors, including the right to attend and participate in open meetings of the
9 board, except that the student board representatives may not vote or make motions, determine
10 quorum, or participate in executive sessions; and

11 WHEREAS, City Schools of Decatur currently includes a student representative on its board
12 and can attest to the positive impact of this measure on both the individual student members
13 and the entire school district resulting from the increased exposure, participation, and input
14 of student voices in the administration and policy making of the City Schools of Decatur.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body urge the Department of Education and local school systems to
17 prioritize the inclusion of ex officio, honorary, and nonvoting student representatives on its
18 local boards of education to increase student engagement and advocacy in the policy issues
19 that determine academic outcomes for Georgia's children.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such policy, once developed, shall be presented to the
21 chairpersons of the House Committee on Education.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
24 representatives the Department of Education and each local school system.