

House Resolution 1108

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the urgent need to equip Georgia's students with the skills of critical media
2 consumption to limit political polarization, strengthen civic reasoning, and reduce
3 susceptibility to misinformation; encouraging the State Board of Education and the Georgia
4 Department of Education to adopt and implement standards and professional learning
5 supports for grades 9-12; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, political polarization in the United States has intensified in recent years,
7 contributing to hostile divisions and incidents of political violence that threaten our civic
8 fabric; and

9 WHEREAS, social media and fragmented media ecosystems can create echo chambers that
10 discourage exposure to diverse viewpoints, amplify unverified or misleading content, and
11 heighten partisan animosity; and

12 WHEREAS, young people increasingly receive news and information through digital
13 platforms that are not required to present balanced or verified content, making students
14 especially vulnerable to misleading narratives and manipulative techniques; and

15 WHEREAS, critical media consumption—the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and
16 interpret media for credibility, bias, and intent—has been shown to improve civic reasoning,
17 reduce susceptibility to misinformation, and support constructive civic engagement; and

18 WHEREAS, several states have adopted media/information literacy requirements and
19 supports across K-12, demonstrating viable pathways Georgia can adapt to fit local needs;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia can integrate critical media consumption within existing English
22 Language Arts and Social Studies courses without adding a new high-stakes test, relying on
23 performance tasks, educator training, and locally chosen instructional materials.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize the importance of critical media consumption for the
26 youth of this state as well as encourage the State Board of Education to adopt performance
27 standards for Critical Media Consumption Education in grades 9-12 and the Georgia
28 Department of Education to develop professional learning, a resource bank of vetted lessons
29 and assessments, and family engagement materials to support implementation.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 State Board of Education, the Georgia Department of Education, the Professional Standards
33 Commission, and each local board of education.