

Senate Resolution 802

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Payne of the 54th, Hatchett of the 50th, James of the 28th and Dolezal of the 27th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 25, 2026, as Executive Function Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia wants all students to reach their individual potential; and

4 WHEREAS, existing research and cognitive science are the backbone for personalized  
5 learning; and

6 WHEREAS, literacy and numeracy are vital skills for academic success, and as research  
7 shows, executive function is likely associated with reading comprehension through its  
8 relation with decoding and oral language; and

9 WHEREAS, current research provides additional support for the role of executive function  
10 in reading comprehension as a potentially crucial precursor to skilled reading; and

11 WHEREAS, in personalized learning, educators must explicitly teach students the skills of  
12 executive function as the foundation before any other conditions for personalized learning  
13 can be effectively pursued; and

14 WHEREAS, executive function is an umbrella term for the complex cognitive processes that  
15 serve ongoing goal-directed behaviors; and

16 WHEREAS, executive function skills, which are well established in cognitive science, are  
17 also the foundational cognitive processes needed for the "soft skills," "essential skills," and  
18 "social emotional skills" students need for 21st century college, career, and community  
19 success; and

20 WHEREAS, the skills of executive function (self-regulation, emotional responsibility, task  
21 completion, working memory, cognitive flexibility, time management, and reflection) are  
22 crucial to personalized learning and life-long learning; and

23 WHEREAS, explicit teaching of executive function leads to self-awareness,  
24 self-empowerment, self-esteem, and necessary learning skills to ensure student, school, and  
25 life success; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to draw attention to the profound educational  
27 impact of executive function on the education and lives of children, adults, and students in  
28 the State of Georgia.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize March 25, 2026, as Executive Function Day at the state capitol during National  
31 Brain Awareness Month.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to members of the  
34 State Board of Education, the public, and the press.