

Senate Resolution 403

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Brass of the 28th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Setzler of the 37th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the Joint Teacher Recruitment and Retention Initiative of the Cobb County
2 School District and Coweta County School System; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, we are at a point in our state's history where recruiting and retaining educators,
4 particularly in high-need areas, is increasingly difficult, and Georgia's students need highly
5 qualified educators to support both academic and social success; and

6 WHEREAS, we as elected leaders recognize the importance of innovative partnerships that
7 could provide a solution to a problem that impacts every student, school, school district,
8 superintendent, and county in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, our governor has made teacher recruitment and retention a state priority for
10 advancing education efforts in our state; and

11 WHEREAS, our school districts have a tremendous need for well trained educators,
12 particularly within subject areas that are difficult to recruit and retain talent, and it is
13 incumbent that we as leaders provide both a process and example to bring all partners
14 together in a long term and sustainable effort; and

15 WHEREAS, the successful implementation of this effort will elevate our state as a model for
16 the nation and will create a true opportunity to provide a solution to a nation-wide problem
17 that will benefit Georgia's students and leave no student behind.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 support the Cobb/Coweta Joint Teacher Recruitment and Retention Initiative, which creates
20 a unique partnership between districts and higher education in an effort to best align higher
21 education preparation programs with the needs of K-12 students, schools, and districts.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
24 press.