

House Resolution 337

By: Representatives Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dubnik of the 29th, Glanton of the 75th, Gambill of the 15th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the State Board of Education through the State School Superintendent and the
2 Georgia Department of Education to create multiple diploma pathways for high school
3 students; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 2007, the State Board of Education voted to update high school graduation
5 requirements, which eliminated several diploma options in favor of the same diploma option
6 for all high school students; and

7 WHEREAS, the current diploma requirements have shown to be a one-size-fits-all diploma
8 not tailored to the needs and passions of all students, including those wanting to go right into
9 the workforce, technical college, military, or university system; and

10 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways can provide the opportunity for high school students
11 to have a pathway to graduation that reflects their post-secondary desires and passions by
12 allowing more opportunities to take courses of interest to students in addition to the core
13 courses all students need to be successful; and

14 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways provide more information on types of graduates and
15 increased transparency by providing additional public reporting categories (workforce,
16 technical, military, college/university) for better data on students' needs; and

17 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways will streamline counseling and provide students
18 with a more relevant high school experience by tailoring a student's high school experience
19 around their post-secondary goals, increasing relevance and value; and

20 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways would be aligned to expectations, putting success
21 within reach for all students; and

22 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways will expand options and opportunities for students
23 while not stigmatizing the diploma by eliminating the better than/less than mentality of the
24 prior tracked dual diploma option; and

25 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education must adopt new rules for high school graduation
26 requirements.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body urge the State Board of Education through the Georgia Department
29 of Education and in collaboration with post-secondary, military, business, and industry
30 partners to create multiple diploma pathways and adopt a new graduation rule to affirm this
31 change for high school students.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 members of the State Board of Education.