

House Resolution 1230

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
2 provide by law for the creation of a Children First Trust Fund; to provide for the
3 appropriation of moneys into such fund, including a one-time appropriation from the
4 Revenue Shortfall Reserve; to provide that moneys appropriated into such fund shall not
5 lapse and shall be used to provide scholarships, grants, or other forms of financial assistance
6 for child care services; to provide for the investment and reinvestment of a portion of the
7 moneys appropriated into such fund; to provide that returns on such investments shall be
8 used for financial assistance for child care services; to provide for related matters; to provide
9 for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 SECTION 1.

12 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
13 subparagraph to read as follows:

14 "(s) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by law for the creation of a Children
15 First Trust Fund for the purpose of providing, in accordance with the provisions of this
16 subparagraph, financial assistance for child care services in this state. Upon the creation
17 of such Children First Trust Fund, the General Assembly shall make a one-time

18 appropriation in the amount of \$2 billion into such fund, which shall be appropriated from
19 the Revenue Shortfall Reserve. The General Assembly shall be authorized, but not
20 required, to appropriate additional amounts into such fund. All moneys appropriated into
21 the Children First Trust Fund shall not be subject to the provisions of Article III, Section
22 IX, Paragraph IV(c), relating to the lapsing of funds, and shall be used to provide
23 scholarships, grants, or other forms of financial assistance for child care services in this
24 state; provided, however, that a portion of the moneys appropriated to the Children First
25 Trust Fund be invested and reinvested in a manner as provided by law. Moneys received
26 from returns on such investments and reinvestments shall be deposited into the Children
27 First Trust Fund and shall be used to provide scholarships, grants, or other forms of
28 financial assistance for child care services in this state. The General Assembly shall be
29 authorized to provide by law for any matters relating to the purpose or provisions of this
30 subparagraph."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
33 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
34 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

35 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
36 () NO Assembly to use a portion of the state's historic, multi-year revenue surplus
37 to create a self-sustaining Children First Trust Fund for the purpose of
38 providing access to child care services in this state?"

39 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
40 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
41 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
42 become a part of the Constitution of this state.