

Senate Resolution 156

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Dolezal of the 27th, Still of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Technical College System of Georgia to conduct a study of the workforce gap
2 among licensed truck drivers and take steps to provide streamlined training for those wishing
3 to enter the industry of commercial motor vehicle operation; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Technical College System of Georgia should analyze the number of job
5 vacancies in the truck driving industry by business as well as by region of this state; and

6 WHEREAS, such truck driving industry study should identify the number of graduates by
7 region of this state from the Technical College System of Georgia's instructional programs
8 catering to commercial motor vehicle operators and determine the rate such graduates are
9 going on to successfully obtain commercial motor vehicle driver's licenses and gainful
10 employment in the industry; and

11 WHEREAS, study performed by the Technical College System of Georgia will help identify
12 any instructional opportunity gaps which can be addressed to increase the number of
13 qualified truck drivers in this state; and

14 WHEREAS, the study should solicit input from employers on their perceptions of any such
15 instructional opportunity gaps, together with ideas, requests, or recommendations on how

16 instructional courses can be improved or widened to capture more students in a given region
17 or industry; and

18 WHEREAS, the Technical College System of Georgia should implement and strengthen
19 recruiting efforts towards veterans for programs which train and assist participants in
20 operating commercial motor vehicles; and

21 WHEREAS, the Technical College System of Georgia could determine if any military
22 related skills or training could be used for purposes of decreasing required training or
23 certification for operating a commercial motor vehicle or provide incentives to such
24 populations for participation in commercial motor vehicle driver training through the system;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, a public report of any findings would aid both the executive and legislative
27 branches of government in efforts to increase availability of commercial motor vehicle
28 operators in this state.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 urge the Technical College System of Georgia to conduct a study of the workforce gap
31 among licensed truck drivers and take steps to provide streamlined training for those wishing
32 to enter the industry of commercial motor vehicle operation.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available to the Technical College System of
35 Georgia.