



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: By 2018, more than 60 percent of job openings in Georgia will require some form of postsecondary education. However, less than a quarter of full-time students at two-year colleges graduate. For public four-year colleges, only 44% of students graduate within 6 years.

WHEREAS: To meet this need, the State of Georgia needs strong University and Technical College Systems to prepare its students to be career ready upon graduation.

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia spends 11 percent of its budget on higher education. As such, the state should ensure that its funding formula is structured to best meet the needs of its students.

WHEREAS: The University System and Technical College System funding formula has not been updated since 1982. Since that time, higher education has significantly changed, particularly as it relates to technology and the Internet.

WHEREAS: The current funding formula is based upon student enrollment but not student completion. Thus, it rewards institutions for increasing the number of students but does not consider whether or not institutions are successful in educating those students. As such, the current funding formula does not incentivize college completion.

WHEREAS: The purpose of this executive order is to establish the Higher Education Study Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the Higher Education Study Commission (the "Commission") is hereby created with the composition, duties, and responsibilities provided for below:

- (1) The Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity.
- (2) The Commission shall examine how Georgia should change its funding formula for the University System and Technical College System.

- (3) The Commission shall deliver recommendations for legislation to be considered during the 2013 Legislative Session.
- (4) The Commission's recommendations should focus on how to incentivize college completion through performance funding and other mechanisms. The Commission may also review existing components of the higher education funding formulas as it deems necessary.
- (5) The Commission shall provide recommendations to the Governor by December 1, 2012.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the members of the Commission shall be Chancellor Hank Huckaby, Commissioner Ron Jackson, Mr. Don Leeburn, Mr. Philip Wilheit, Mr. Otis M. Raybon, Jr, Mr. Michael Sullivan, Rep. Terry England, Rep. Len Walker, Rep. Tom Rice, Sen. Jack Hill, Sen. Buddy Carter, Sen. Johnny Grant, Ms. Debbie Dlugolenski, Dr. Anthony Parker, Dr. Bud Peterson, Dr. Ray Perren, Dr. Gary McGaha, Dr. Mindy McCannon, Dr. Ronald Core, Mr. David Welden, Dr. Sandra Jordan, Mr. Chris Klaus, Ms. Alexis Balkum, Mr. James Taylor, Mr. Kevin Vantrees and Mr. Alvie Coles who will bring their experience and expertise in higher education to the work of the Commission. The Commission will be co-chaired by the two Higher Education Chairmen, Rep. Len Walker and Sen. Buddy Carter.

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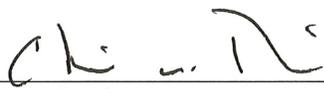
ORDERED: That the Higher Education Study Commission shall be abolished, effective December 31, 2012, unless re-instituted by future Executive Order.

This 13th day of October, 2011.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST



Executive Secretary