

Senate Resolution 677

By: Senators Butler of the 55th and Thomas of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Rules and Regulations for Nutritional Screening
2 and Eye, Ear, and Dental Examinations of Students Entering the State Funded
3 Pre-Kindergarten Programs and Five Year Olds Entering Public Schools; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, identification and treatment of physical health problems and physical challenges
6 is essential to promoting academic achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, proper and accurate screening of physical health problems and physical
8 challenges is essential to proper identification of any such problems and challenges; and

9 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has studied, debated, and enacted a number of bills in
10 recent years in our efforts to ensure that all students in the State of Georgia commence their
11 academic career healthy and ready to learn.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
13 Study Committee on Rules and Regulations for Nutritional Screening and Eye, Ear, and
14 Dental Examinations of Students Entering the State Funded Pre-Kindergarten Programs and
15 Five Year Olds Entering Public Schools of this state and at such other times as such rules and
16 regulations shall provide. The committee shall specifically address the propriety, impact,
17 costs, and benefits of requiring eye examinations to be performed by ophthalmologists or
18 optometrists and for local boards of health to provide for ear and dental examinations and
19 nutritional screenings. The committee shall be composed of three members of the Senate to
20 be appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall designate one of the committee
21 members as chairperson. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
23 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
24 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may

1 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
2 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
3 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
4 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
5 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless additional days are
6 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
7 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its
8 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
9 shall be made on or before December 1, 2002. The committee shall stand abolished on
10 December 1, 2002.