

Senate Resolution 612

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ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate School Bus Driver and School Bus Safety Study Committee; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, school bus drivers are integral to the safety of many of Georgia's children
4 during commutes which are becoming longer and more hazardous because of increasing
5 traffic congestion; and

6 WHEREAS, adequate compensation is necessary to recruit and retain school bus drivers with
7 good safety records; and

8 WHEREAS, in some circumstances, school bus drivers need help to maintain order and
9 safety on the school bus; and

10 WHEREAS, overcrowded school buses and buses which include, as passengers, both middle
11 school students and high school students, may be hazardous situations for students; and

12 WHEREAS, training in basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation for drivers and
13 school bus monitors could avert tragedies in emergencies; and

14 WHEREAS, many Georgia school buses lack basic equipment, such as fully operational
15 heating and air conditioning systems, automatic mirror defrosters on external mirrors, and
16 comprehensive first aid kits.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Senate School Bus
18 Driver and School Bus Safety Study Committee is created, to be composed of three members
19 of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate
20 shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson
21 shall call all meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
3 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
4 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
7 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
8 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
9 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
10 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
11 appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
12 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
13 made on or before December 1, 2002. The committee shall stand abolished on December
14 1, 2002.