

Senate Resolution 840

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Intelligent Transportation Systems and Technology Study Committee;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the travel crisis in metropolitan Atlanta is now so acute and the growing
4 demand for mobility so strong that it is very difficult to ignore reports concerning the cost
5 to the state of congestion; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia has over 12,000 buses transporting over one million school children
7 per year which creates a burden on local taxpayers and a safety concern to parents; and

8 WHEREAS, DeKalb and Coweta counties have begun to take steps to safeguard students by
9 deploying satellite tracking and using "Smart Card" technology to reduce congestion; and

10 WHEREAS, this state currently appropriates less than its neighboring states to safeguard
11 students being transported to and from school; and

12 WHEREAS, there is a growing need and interest in exploring the benefits of applying
13 intelligent transportation systems to the daily transportation of children to and from school.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
15 Intelligent Transportation Systems and Technology Study Committee to be composed of
16 three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President
17 of the Senate shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.
18 The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
21 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

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