

House Resolution 262

By: Representatives Greene-Johnson of the 60th, Post 3, Harrell of the 54th, Reece of the 11th, Mobley of the 58th, Casas of the 68th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on HB 33; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, House Bill 33, introduced at the current legislative session, would provide for
3 exempting international students of limited English speaking, reading, and writing skills from
4 certain educational assessment instruments for the first year in which any such student is
5 enrolled in a school in this state; and

6 WHEREAS, there exists a need to gather information relevant to the following issues: (1)
7 the current status of evaluation testing of international students throughout the state; (2) the
8 impact of the proposed exemption with respect to the exit examination of high school
9 graduates; (3) existing funding and funding needs for international students; (4) the cost of
10 possible testing of international students in their native languages; (5) compliance with the
11 federal "no child left behind" requirements; and (6) other particular and general issues
12 relevant to the foregoing.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 there is created the House Study Committee on HB 33 to be composed of five members of
15 the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
17 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
19 issues and recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or
20 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
21 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
22 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
23 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members
24 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless
25 additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this

- 1 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representative. In the
- 2 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions
- 3 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003.
- 4 The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.