

House Resolution 264

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Budgetary Tracking and Forfeiture Tracking Study Committee; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the budgetary crisis currently confronting Georgia has illuminated the need for
4 careful study of the state's revenues, expenditures, and resources; and

5 WHEREAS, the current format for budgetary tracking documents is inadequate for the task
6 of ascertaining budgetary needs; and

7 WHEREAS, a recent report by the Department of Audits and Accounts evaluating property
8 forfeitures under state and federal drug laws has brought to the attention of the General
9 Assembly the need for a statewide tracking system for such forfeitures.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Budgetary Tracking and Forfeiture Tracking Study
12 Committee to be composed of six members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives
13 shall appoint three members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee
14 and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. The Senate Committee on
15 Assignments shall appoint three members of the Senate as members of the committee and
16 shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. The cochairpersons shall call all
17 meetings of the committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
19 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
20 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
21 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
22 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
23 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
24 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official

1 Code of Georgia Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution
2 shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate. The
3 expenses and allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
4 of the committee for more than seven days unless additional days are authorized. In the event
5 the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
6 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2003. The
7 committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2003.