

Senate Resolution 212

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Cagle of the 49th, Collins of the 6th and Kemp of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 To create the Joint Study Committee on the Indemnification of Emergency Personnel; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the state has provided for the indemnification of law enforcement officers,
4 firefighters, prison guards, emergency medical technicians, emergency management rescue
5 specialists, and state highway employees who are killed or permanently disabled in the line
6 of duty; and

7 WHEREAS, the indemnification of these individuals is proper and fitting because of the
8 sacrifices and risks inherent in their duties in the protection of the citizens of this state; and

9 WHEREAS, 911 operators and dispatchers and employees of emergency management
10 agencies, not otherwise employed as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency
11 medical technician, or emergency management rescue specialist, who are employed by state
12 and local agencies also serve the public and have certain risks and sacrifices that are inherent
13 in their duties but are not covered by the state's indemnification fund for death or permanent
14 disability in the line of duty; and

15 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should study this matter to determine if 911 operators
16 and dispatchers and employees of emergency management agencies, not otherwise employed
17 as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, or emergency
18 management rescue specialist, should be made a part of the state's indemnification plan.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Study Committee on the Indemnification of
21 Emergency Personnel to be composed of six members. The Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives shall appoint three members of the House of Representatives as members
23 of the committee and shall designate one such member as cochairperson. The Senate
24 Committee on Assignments shall appoint three members of the Senate as members of the

1 committee and shall designate one such member as cochairperson. The cochairpersons shall
2 call all meetings of the committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
4 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
5 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
6 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
7 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
8 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
9 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
10 Georgia Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall
11 come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate. The expenses
12 and allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the
13 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the
14 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
15 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The
16 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.