

House Resolution 621

By: Representatives Smith of the 76th, Westmoreland of the 86th, Keen of the 146th, Harbin of the 80th, and Golick of the 34th, Post 3

A RESOLUTION

1 To create the House Unfunded Mandates Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, political subdivisions of this state are frequently required to comply with
3 mandates of state law without sufficient state funding being provided to enable such
4 compliance; and

5 WHEREAS, such unfunded mandates enacted by the General Assembly may impose serious
6 fiscal burdens upon local governments and taxpayers; and

7 WHEREAS, a study of the scope and ramifications of such unfunded mandates is necessary
8 and appropriate.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 there is created the House Unfunded Mandates Study Committee to be composed of six
11 members, including: three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker
13 as chairperson of the committee; and three members consisting of the presidents of the
14 Association County Commissioners of Georgia, the Georgia Municipal Association, and the
15 Georgia School Boards Association, who shall serve ex officio. The chairperson shall call
16 all meetings of the committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
18 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
19 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
20 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
23 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
24 Code of Georgia Annotated. Nonlegislative members shall receive no compensation for

1 service on the committee but shall receive the mileage or transportation allowance authorized
2 for state employees. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
3 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
4 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
5 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
6 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
7 report shall be made on or before December 1, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished
8 on December 1, 2003.