

Senate Resolution 827

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Effects of Illegal Immigration; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is believed that illegal immigration has an impact on society, including
4 impacts on government programs and services; and

5 WHEREAS, these impacts may include fiscal impacts on the state budget, including on the
6 state Medicaid program and on public education; and

7 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the state to assess what, if any, fiscal impact actually
8 exists on the state budget, and specifically on the state Medicaid program and on public
9 education, as a result of illegal immigration.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
11 Study Committee on the Effects of Illegal Immigration to be composed of seven members
12 of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore. At the first organizational
13 meeting of the committee, the members of the committee shall select one of their number to
14 serve as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all additional meetings of
15 the committee.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study to assess what,
17 if any, fiscal impact actually exists on the state budget, and specifically on the state Medicaid
18 program and on public education, as a result of illegal immigration and shall recommend any
19 actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee
20 may 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 members of the committee
23 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
24 committees. The allowances so authorized shall not be received by any member of the

1 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds
2 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
3 appropriated to the Senate. The committee shall make a report of its findings and
4 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, on or before December
5 31, 2004. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2004.