

## House Resolution 1580

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Adult and Childhood Obesity and Prevention; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, obesity is a serious medical condition affecting up to one-third of all  
4 Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, obesity is known to cause or exacerbate a number of serious disorders including  
6 hypertension, dyslipidemia, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, respiratory dysfunction, gout,  
7 and osteoarthritis; and

8 WHEREAS, obesity ranks second only to smoking as a preventable cause of death; and

9 WHEREAS, a study of the effectiveness of existing methods of treatment and prevention of  
10 adult and childhood obesity, of the fiscal impact of treatment and prevention of obesity, and  
11 the potential reduction in serious medical conditions associated with diabetes that results  
12 from treatment and prevention of adult and childhood obesity would be beneficial to  
13 determine future legislative and administrative strategies to address adult and childhood  
14 obesity; and

15 WHEREAS, education, prevention, and proper treatment of obesity can reduce health care  
16 costs and improve the quality of life for a significant number of adults and children in  
17 Georgia.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 there is created the House Study Committee on Adult and Childhood Obesity and Prevention  
20 to be composed of 18 members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
21 eight members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall  
22 designate one of such members as chairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives  
23 shall appoint ten additional members of the committee who shall include a dietician, a public

1 school administrator, a nutritionist, a public school health professional, and a representative  
2 of a cancer society, a heart association, a diabetes association, an organization of osteopathic  
3 physicians, a parent-teacher organization, and a public health organization. The chairperson  
4 shall call all meetings of the committee.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
6 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
7 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate to address adult and  
8 childhood obesity and prevention in the State of Georgia. The committee may conduct such  
9 meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable  
10 it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the  
11 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the committee shall  
12 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia  
13 Annotated. Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified  
14 in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as well  
15 as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. All other funds  
16 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated  
17 to the House of Representatives. The expenses and allowances authorized by this resolution  
18 shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless  
19 additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and  
20 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be  
21 made on or before December 31, 2004. The committee shall stand abolished on December  
22 31, 2004.