

House Resolution 1686

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 48th, Post 2, Anderson of the 100th, Cooper of the 30th, Bunn of the 63rd, Campbell of the 39th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Children's Protective Services; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of our children is of paramount importance; and

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5 WHEREAS, such safety and welfare is dependent on the child protection services provided
6 by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, there have been several recent tragic deaths of children who were under the
9 protective services of the Division of Family and Children Services; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a critical and urgent need to address the issues relating to the Division
11 of Family and Children Services and the protective services provided to children in order to
12 ensure our children's safety and welfare

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 there is created the House Study Committee on Children's Protective Services to be
15 composed of 12 members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three
16 members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate
17 one of such members as chairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
18 appoint nine additional members of the committee who shall include two case workers and
19 two investigators from the Division of Family and Children Services and two child care
20 providers. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
22 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
23 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
24 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

1 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
2 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
3 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
4 Code of Georgia Annotated. Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the
5 amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
6 Annotated as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.
7 All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
8 appropriated to the House of Representatives. The expenses and allowances authorized by
9 this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days
10 unless additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its
11 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
12 shall be made on or before December 31, 2004. The committee shall stand abolished on
13 December 31, 2004.