

Senate Resolution 431

By: Senators Carter of the 13th, Zamarripa of the 36th, Kemp of the 46th, Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 32nd and others

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Security for State and County Buildings; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Superior Court Judge Rowland Barnes, a court reporter, and a deputy sheriff  
4 were murdered and another deputy was shot at the Fulton County courthouse in downtown  
5 Atlanta on March 11, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, the husband and mother of a judge in another city were recently murdered; and

7 WHEREAS, these deaths and injuries are only part of an apparent increase in violence  
8 against public officials; and

9 WHEREAS, new technology may be available to increase security at buildings that are open  
10 to the public; and

11 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the government provide adequate security to protect  
12 members of the public and public officials conducting official business at state and county  
13 buildings.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
15 Study Committee on Security for State and County Buildings to be composed of seven  
16 members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The  
17 Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
18 of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
21 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall  
22 seek the advice and opinions of public building security experts and state and local officials.

1 The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem  
2 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its  
3 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the  
4 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim  
5 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless  
6 additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
7 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee  
8 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed  
9 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2005. The  
10 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2005.