

House Resolution 1396 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Talton of the 145th, O`Neal of the 146th, Williams of the 165th, Howard, E. of the 121st, Bryant of the 160th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on State and Local Law Enforcement Salaries and
2 Benefits; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is served daily by the thousands of state and local law
4 enforcement officers who have dedicated themselves to the protection of the lives and
5 property of our citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, it is largely upon the courage and commitment of these brave men and women
7 that our fundamental liberties and well-being are built and secured; and

8 WHEREAS, in rendering essential public services professionally and selflessly, Georgia's
9 state and local law enforcement officers help to assure an orderly society and enhance the
10 citizenry's sense of security; and

11 WHEREAS, in placing the well-being of society above their personal concerns and, in some
12 instances, risking their lives for the sake of others, the law enforcement officers in this state
13 exemplify the highest nobility and greatest commitment to humanitarian ideals; and

14 WHEREAS, it is essential that the salaries and benefits paid to state and local law
15 enforcement officers state wide are at a level necessary to continue to attract and retain the
16 best candidates and to ensure that a career of making the rest of us feel safer remains an
17 attractive employment opportunity in this state.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 there is created the House Study Committee on State and Local Law Enforcement Salaries
20 and Benefits to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a
22 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
23 meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
3 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
4 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
7 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
8 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
9 member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. The
10 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
11 appropriated to the House of Representatives. The committee shall make a report of its
12 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, on or before
13 December 31, 2006. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.