

Senate Resolution 1389

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Grassroots Arts Program Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council for the Arts directs the Grassroots Arts Program in order  
3 to provide funds for arts activities across the state; and

4 WHEREAS, the arts enhance community life, serve as an economic engine for the state  
5 through its second largest industry, tourism, and provide valuable enrichment to the state's  
6 students; and

7 WHEREAS, a number of issues and concerns related to the success of this grant program  
8 have been raised, including equitable funding among the state's counties and a lack of arts  
9 infrastructure in rural counties to manage grants.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
11 Grassroots Arts Program Study Committee to be composed of three members of the Senate  
12 to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The Senate Committee on  
13 Assignments shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.  
14 The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The executive director and other  
15 appropriate staff of the Georgia Council for the Arts shall serve the committee, providing all  
16 data that is required for the committee's deliberations.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues  
18 discussed above and other related matters and recommend any action or legislation which  
19 the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings  
20 at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to  
21 exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives  
22 and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances  
23 provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The  
24 allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the

1 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary  
2 to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the  
3 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with  
4 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December  
5 31, 2006. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.