

## House Resolution 351

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Fulton County; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission on Fulton County Governance  
3 formulated suggested reforms for the operations of Fulton County in order to make  
4 operations efficient and responsive to the residents of Fulton County; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission specifically recommended changes  
6 to the size and composition of the Fulton County Commission; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission suggested enhancement of the  
8 authority of the chairperson of the Fulton County Commission; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission recommended that reforms were  
10 needed with regard to the operations of the sheriff's office, superior court clerk's office, and  
11 general operations and configuration of the Fulton County criminal justice system; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission proposed reforms regarding the  
13 Fulton County library system; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission suggested reforms regarding  
15 Fulton County health and human services; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission commended reformation of the  
17 Fulton County transportation system.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Study Committee on Fulton County. The  
20 committee shall consist of 16 members; eight members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant  
21 Governor and eight members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives. The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House each shall designate  
2 a member of the committee as cochairperson of the committee. The chairpersons shall call  
3 all meetings of the committee.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
5 needs, issues, and uses of the Fulton County government structure and operations and the  
6 problems found by the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission or related thereto and  
7 recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.  
8 The committee shall seek the advice and opinions of private, institutional, and law  
9 enforcement experts and officials. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places  
10 and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully its  
11 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.  
12 The members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative  
13 members of interim legislative committees but shall not receive the same for more than five  
14 days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions  
15 of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of  
16 Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and  
17 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be  
18 made on or before the convening of the 2008 session of the General Assembly, at which time  
19 the committee shall stand abolished.