

Senate Resolution 403

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 54th, Staton of the 18th, Johnson of the 1st, Goggans of the 7th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on EMS Recruitment, Retention, and Training in
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia has approximately 14,000 EMS professionals serving the citizens of
4 this state, and in 2006, that number actually decreased; and

5 WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that all Georgians have access to the lifesaving
6 measures that EMS professionals provide; and

7 WHEREAS, many EMS professionals leave this vital career early, thus creating
8 life-threatening problems for the citizens of this state; and

9 WHEREAS, there is a vital need to insure that these EMS professionals continue their
10 education in prehospital medicine, public safety, and homeland security; and

11 WHEREAS, the unique structure of EMS service in Georgia creates issues for this state
12 regarding how to ensure EMS professionals have adequate compensation and benefits
13 packages; and

14 WHEREAS, there is a need to examine these issues to determine if legislative action is
15 required to ensure that Georgia retains an adequate number of EMS professionals.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
17 Study Committee on EMS Recruitment, Retention, and Training in Georgia to be composed
18 of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant
19 Governor shall designate a member of the Senate who shall serve as chairperson of the
20 committee. The chairperson shall call all 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 relating thereto and recommend any actions
3 or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall
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 authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
8 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
9 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
10 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event that the committee makes a report
11 of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
12 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2007. The committee shall stand abolished
13 on December 31, 2007.