

Senate Resolution 1093

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee for the Creation of a Georgia MethCheck Data Base;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, abuse of methamphetamine and illicit manufacture of methamphetamine have
4 been growing exponentially in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies have uncovered many instances of tragic human
6 injuries and extensive property damages due to unlawful methamphetamine laboratories; and

7 WHEREAS, at this time the state does not have a centralized real-time electronic logbook
8 that can record purchases of products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and
9 phenylpropanolamine which are drugs used to manufacture illicit methamphetamine; and

10 WHEREAS, the failure to have such a centralized electronic data base permits and
11 encourages criminals to illegally purchase large quantities of such products for the
12 production of methamphetamine by going from store to store, and, sometimes, from state to
13 state; and

14 WHEREAS, law enforcement officials need this critical tool to combat methamphetamine
15 production in this state, and the electronic documentation of purchases made at pharmacies
16 and retailers will stop the ever-increasing threat posed by the illegal production of
17 methamphetamine; and

18 WHEREAS, other states are adopting similar measures, thereby encouraging
19 methamphetamine producers to relocate to states such as Georgia that are unable to track
20 their unlawful activities; and

21 WHEREAS, immediate action is needed by the General Assembly to protect Georgia's
22 children from the increasing harm caused by methamphetamine producers.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
2 Study Committee for the Creation of a Georgia MethCheck Data Base to be composed of
3 five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President
4 shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson
5 shall call all meetings of the committee.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
7 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
8 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall
9 specifically consider the need for a MethCheck Data Base, the possible operation of such a
10 data base by the Georgia Bureau of Investigations, and the types of information to be
11 recorded, stored, and shared by retailers of products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine,
12 and phenylpropanolamine. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and
13 at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
14 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
15 resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code
16 Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by
17 this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days
18 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
19 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee
20 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
21 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008. The
22 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.