

House Resolution 1859

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Playground Safety; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, play is an important part of a child's physical, social, intellectual, and emotional
3 development; and
- 4 WHEREAS, playgrounds and outdoor play equipment can provide children with fun and
5 exercise, but they can also pose safety hazards; and
- 6 WHEREAS, every year over 200,000 preschool and elementary children receive emergency
7 department care for injuries that occur on playground equipment; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the most important factors in evaluating the safety of any playground are
9 surface, design and spacing, and equipment inspection and maintenance; and
- 10 WHEREAS, state and local governments should create, renovate, and maintain on a regular
11 basis safe and developmentally appropriate playgrounds for children.
- 12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 there is created the House Study Committee on Playground Safety to be composed of not
14 more than six members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Five
15 members of the House of Representatives shall serve as members of the committee, and the
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of such members as chairperson.
17 The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
19 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
20 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
21 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
22 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and

1 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
2 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
3 Code of Georgia Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution
4 shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. The expenses and
5 allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the
6 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the
7 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
8 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008. The
9 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.