

Senate Resolution 1254

By: Senator Hamrick of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Victim's Rights Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the crime victim and the crime victim's family are often forgotten or overlooked
3 during the criminal justice process; and

4 WHEREAS, a crime victim and the crime victim's family have a perspective that those
5 entities involved within the criminal justice process are generally incapable of sharing; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a need for study on ways to allow the input of the crime victim and the
7 crime victim's family to be heard and weighed throughout the entire criminal justice process.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
9 Victim's Rights Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate to be
10 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall designate a member
11 of the committee to serve as chairperson. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
12 committee.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
14 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
15 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
16 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
17 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
18 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
19 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
20 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
21 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
22 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
23 appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
24 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be

- 1 made on or before the convening of the 2009 session of the General Assembly, at which time
- 2 the committee shall stand abolished.