

House Resolution 1913

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Reducing Poverty and Increasing Economic
2 Security; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that the citizens of Georgia have experienced
4 considerable economic hardship due to the severe recession and that there are people living
5 in extreme poverty in every county in Georgia as well as many others who have or will
6 experience poverty before the economy recovers; and

7 WHEREAS, it is necessary to determine the extent of poverty throughout this state and to
8 seek policy remedies aimed at protecting and affording opportunities to all citizens, including
9 adequate nutrition and housing, educational and work opportunities, health care, and safety;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, it is desirable and important that the state develop a comprehensive plan to
12 address the needs of the average Georgian with particular concern for Georgia's most
13 vulnerable citizens: children and the elderly; and

14 WHEREAS, the goal of the state is to develop a strategic plan to reduce extreme poverty in
15 Georgia by addressing, at a minimum, the following:

- 16 (1) Access to affordable housing;
- 17 (2) Access to adequate food and nutrition;
- 18 (3) Access to affordable and quality health care;
- 19 (4) Access to quality education and training;
- 20 (5) Dependable and affordable transportation;
- 21 (6) Access to affordable child care;
- 22 (7) Opportunities to pursue work which sustains families; and
- 23 (8) The availability of adequate income supports to those who can no longer work or
24 cannot find work.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 there is created the House Study Committee on Reducing Poverty and Increasing Economic
27 Security to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives and five members
28 of the public to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker
29 shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson
30 shall call all meetings of the committee.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
32 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
33 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
34 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
35 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
36 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution; provided, however, that the
37 committee shall meet no more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The
38 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
39 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
40 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
41 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2010. The committee shall stand abolished
42 on December 31, 2010.