

House Resolution 625

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Dangerous Dogs; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to experience numerous tragic and shocking  
3 instances in which children and adults are killed or seriously injured by dog attacks; and

4 WHEREAS, existing state laws have been ineffective in preventing or reducing the number  
5 of such attacks and are difficult to comprehend and administer; and

6 WHEREAS, under the Georgia Constitution, protection to person and property is the  
7 paramount duty of government and shall be impartial and complete; and our laws should be  
8 revised to provide meaningful and effective protection for people against attacks by  
9 dangerous dogs, including effective methods of identifying dangerous dogs and adequate  
10 controls for dogs so identified; and

11 WHEREAS, a thorough and careful study of this issue is needed to develop appropriate  
12 legislation for consideration at the 2010 session of the General Assembly.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
14 there is created the House Study Committee on Dangerous Dogs to be composed of five  
15 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of  
17 the committee. 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  
23 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee

24 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
25 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are  
26 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
27 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee  
28 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed  
29 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before the convening date of the 2010  
30 session of the General Assembly, on which date the committee shall stand abolished.