

Senate Resolution 615

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Pearson of the 51st, Murphy of the 27th, Douglas of the 17th and Thomas of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Georgia State Fire Services Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, several state agencies, councils, and departments play a key role in this state's
3 fire safety system, and together, they help protect the citizens of the State of Georgia from
4 dangerous fire hazards; and

5 WHEREAS, such fire service entities provide an essential government function for the safety
6 and welfare of Georgia residents by administering and regulating safety codes and standards,
7 implementing training programs, as well as providing important emergency rescue services;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the current system for administering such fire services spreads these functions
10 over a variety of state agencies and departments which may limit communication between
11 the entities, duplicate administrative services, and may not be the best utilization of this
12 state's valuable and limited fire safety resources; and

13 WHEREAS, combining state fire services may help to eliminate confusion, create
14 consistencies, and avoid delays in the administration of services, preserve state resources and
15 funds, and better provide training and education for fire officials and the public.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
17 Georgia State Fire Services Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate,
18 to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate
19 a committee member from the Senate who shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The
20 committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
22 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
23 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may

24 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
25 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
26 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
27 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
28 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
29 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
30 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its
31 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
32 shall be made on or before December 31, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished on
33 December 31, 2009.