

Senate Resolution 622

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Dangerous Dogs Study Committee; 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 SENATE that there is created the Senate
14 Dangerous Dogs Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate to be
15 appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate a
16 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
17 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 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its
28 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
29 shall be made on or before the convening date of the 2010 session of the General Assembly,
30 on which date the committee shall stand abolished.