

House Resolution 640

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Family Economic Security Study Committee.

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

6 WHEREAS, it is necessary to determine the extent of poverty throughout the state and to
7 seek policy remedies aimed to protect and afford opportunity to all citizens; and

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

11 WHEREAS, in considering the goal of creating and maintaining jobs in this state, it is
12 important to consider access to quality education and training, dependable and affordable
13 transportation, and access to affordable child care; and

14 WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance to review existing and proposed programs,
15 policies, administrative rules, and statutes that have an impact on poverty in Georgia in an
16 effort to encourage self-sufficiency and prevent long-term dependency on entitlement
17 programs.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 there is created the House Family Economic Security Study Committee to be composed of
20 five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall
21 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall
22 call all meetings of the committee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the needs,
24 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
25 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
26 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
27 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
28 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. Due to the importance of this
29 issue and the need for the study, no per diem will be paid to committee members for their
30 services. The committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, with
31 suggestions for proposed legislation, on or before December 1, 2011. The committee shall
32 stand abolished on December 1, 2011.