

House Resolution 1176

By: Representatives Kidd of the 141st, Harden of the 147th, Houston of the 170th, and Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 To create the House Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
2 Oversight Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities is charged
4 by the General Assembly with the responsibility for the development and implementation of
5 planning and service development systems that are to focus on a core set of consumer
6 orientated and community based values and principles set forth in Code Section 37-1-2; and

7 WHEREAS, there is a continued need and concern for the exchange of information from the
8 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the leadership and
9 membership of the House of Representatives.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 there is created the House Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
12 Oversight Committee to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The appointed members of the
14 committee shall serve two-year terms concurrent with their terms as members of the General
15 Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed for a one-year term of office
16 and shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the membership
17 of the committee. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the
18 original appointment.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may periodically attend meetings of the
20 Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and may otherwise inquire into
21 and review the operation of the department. The oversight committee shall provide
22 information to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to House members.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Behavioral Health and
24 Developmental Disabilities shall cooperate with the committee. The board shall submit to

25 the committee such reports and information as the committee shall reasonably require of the
26 board in order that the committee may adequately inform itself of the activities of the board
27 required by this resolution.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing contained within this resolution shall relieve the
29 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities of the responsibilities
30 imposed upon it under Georgia law.