

House Resolution 1277

By: Representatives Neal of the 75th, Kaiser of the 59th, Clark of the 104th, Dudgeon of the 24th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Expulsion School Creation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, sometimes students find themselves afoul of school rules and regulations and
3 are punished by being expelled from the school; and

4 WHEREAS, many times, those rule infractions do not involve violent or dangerous behavior
5 but rather are a product of events which occur outside of school, including, all too often, an
6 unfortunate family life; and

7 WHEREAS, those expelled students have no real options for constructive ways to serve their
8 banishment and often either get involved with bad behavior or simply give up; and

9 WHEREAS, the young people and society at large would benefit greatly if those students
10 who are expelled from school and who do not present a risk to others were placed in a school
11 in which they can continue their education in a strict disciplinary environment; and

12 WHEREAS, in the long run, the cost of providing such schools will be much less than the
13 cost of dealing with permanent dropouts in society.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 there is created the House Study Committee on Expulsion School Creation to be composed
16 of five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of the
18 appointees to serve as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings
19 of the committee.

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

23 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The committee shall examine
26 boarding school models, 24/7 schooling, parent visitation curriculum, team sports, and
27 extracurricular activities. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances
28 authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the
29 same for not more than three days unless an additional two days are authorized by the
30 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions
31 of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.
32 In the event that the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations for
33 proposed legislation, such report shall be made no later than December 31, 2012. The
34 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2012.