

Senate Resolution 1220

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Georgia Ethics and Accountability; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a need for comprehensive ethics and accountability reform in the state  
4 government; and

5 WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in both the House of Representatives and the  
6 Senate this session seeking to address ethics and accountability issues; and

7 WHEREAS, there should be thoughtful and careful consideration and meaningful study on  
8 how this legislation will impact the current ethics laws in this state and whether such  
9 legislation will actually address the ethics issues which exist; and

10 WHEREAS, the current ethics issues are the source of much public discussion and debate;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the need exists for a comprehensive review of the current law and proposed  
13 legislation in order to ensure that the best interests of the citizens of this state are being  
14 promoted and protected.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
16 Study Committee on Georgia Ethics and Accountability to be composed of nine members  
17 to be appointed by the President of the Senate as follows: five members of the Senate and  
18 four members of the Georgia Alliance for Ethics Reform. The President of the Senate shall  
19 designate one of the appointees to serve as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson  
20 shall call all meetings of the committee.

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 legislative members of the  
27 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim  
28 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless an  
29 additional two days are authorized by the President of the Senate. The other members shall  
30 serve without compensation. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
31 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event that the  
32 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation, such  
33 report shall be made no later than September 30, 2012. The committee shall stand abolished  
34 on October 15, 2012.