

Senate Resolution 247

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Expungement Reform Study Committee; to provide for duties and  
2 responsibilities of the committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, to be wrongly accused or convicted of a crime is a life-changing event in many  
4 circumstances; and

5 WHEREAS, a conviction on any person's record can cause difficulties in many areas of life,  
6 including finances, career opportunities, and domestic relations; and

7 WHEREAS, the process for clearing an individual's record when he or she has been  
8 wrongfully accused or convicted of a crime is very tedious and expensive; and

9 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to undertake a study of the process for getting an  
10 individual's record expunged to determine if it would be appropriate for Georgia to revise and  
11 update these provisions of law.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
13 Expungement Reform Study Committee to be composed of the chairperson of the Senate  
14 Judiciary Committee and four members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the  
15 Senate. The chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee shall serve as chairperson of the  
16 committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
18 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
19 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
20 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as the chairperson may deem  
21 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its  
22 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the  
23 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim

24 legislative committees from the funds appropriated to the Senate but shall receive the same  
25 for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. All other funds necessary  
26 to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the  
27 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with  
28 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before  
29 December 31, 2013. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2013.