

House Resolution 1332

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Compensating Wrongfully Convicted Persons; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that due to advancements in science and
4 technology, wrongfully convicted persons are being discovered with a higher frequency than
5 in the past; and

6 WHEREAS, the General Assembly is sympathetic to the tremendous burden a wrongfully
7 convicted person faces; and

8 WHEREAS, the General Assembly further finds that there is a need to create a uniform
9 method for fairly and reasonably compensating wrongfully convicted persons; and

10 WHEREAS, it is vital that the legislature study the procedures used in other jurisdictions in
11 the United States in an effort to ensure that any person wrongfully convicted in Georgia is
12 compensated fully and fairly.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 there is created the House Study Committee on Compensating Wrongfully Convicted
15 Persons to be composed of five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives. At least two of the members shall be from the minority party. The Speaker
17 of the House of Representatives shall appoint one of the members to serve as chairperson.
18 The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
20 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or
21 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
22 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
23 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The

24 members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee
25 and shall not be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties
26 as members of the committee. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
27 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. The
28 committee shall publish a report of its findings and recommendations which may include
29 suggestions for proposed legislation. Such report shall be made on or before December 1,
30 2014. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2014.