

Senate Resolution 875

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Tippins of the 37th, Beach of the 21st and Albers of the 56th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on the Property Tax Digest Impact on Education
2 Funding; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study and evaluate the reporting of local tax revenues
4 that impact the funding received by local school systems, specifically but not limited to
5 equalization and five mill share; and

6 WHEREAS, specific issues that must be addressed include tax digest reporting, economic
7 development related revenues paid "in lieu" of taxes, and any other arrangements that impact
8 a local tax digest, including abatements; and

9 WHEREAS, for such purposes, it would be beneficial to work with and receive data and
10 information from the Department of Revenue, the Department of Education, and the
11 Department of Audits and Accounts and to request cooperation and input from local tax
12 officials.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that there is
14 created the Joint Study Committee on the Property Tax Digest Impact on Education Funding
15 to be composed of 10 members as follows:

16 (1) Five members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

17 (2) Five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House
18 of Representatives.

19 The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each
20 designate one of his appointees to serve as cochairpersons. The committee may elect other
21 officers as deemed necessary. The cochairpersons may designate and appoint subcommittees
22 from among the membership of the committee as well as appoint other persons to perform
23 such functions as they may determine to be necessary and relevant to and consistent with this
24 resolution. The cochairpersons shall only vote to break a tie. The committee shall meet at
25 the call of the cochairpersons. The committee shall hold at least three public hearings and

26 at least one meeting to discuss and finalize findings. A quorum for transacting business shall
27 be a majority of the members of the committee.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may conduct its meetings at such places
29 and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
30 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
31 resolution. Legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for
32 in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances
33 authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more
34 than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the
35 provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate and House of
36 Representatives.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a report of its findings to the
38 President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the
39 House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations Committee on or before
40 December 31, 2014. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2014.