

Senate Resolution 1200

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on School Discipline; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, there are disparities across the state as to how local school systems discipline
3 their students; and

4 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to review the type of punishments imposed by various
5 school systems, the time spent in alternative schools by students in various school systems,
6 and the high rate of expulsion of students; and

7 WHEREAS, such review should also identify any operational disparities between students
8 of different racial backgrounds.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
10 Study Committee on School Discipline to be composed of five members of the Senate to be
11 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall designate a member
12 of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
13 meetings of the committee.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
15 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
16 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
17 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
18 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
19 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
20 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
21 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
22 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized
23 by the Lieutenant Governor. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
24 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee

25 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
26 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2014. The committee
27 shall stand abolished on December 1, 2014.