

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HR 550:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Role of Federal Government in Education; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, education funding for K-12 in this state currently comprises over 40 percent of
4 the state budget; and

5 WHEREAS, the federal government continues to play an increasingly greater role in public
6 education; and

7 WHEREAS, it is the position of the Georgia General Assembly that public education should
8 remain squarely within the purview of the state and local boards of education; and

9 WHEREAS, to evaluate whether a recommendation should be made that the United States
10 Department of Education should be abolished and any funding derived thereby returned to
11 the states in the form of block grants for the purpose of education spending; and

12 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial:

13 (1) To review the role of the federal government in public education, both historically and
14 in recent years;

15 (2) To review the origins of the common core standards, including its genesis as a
16 voluntary, state led effort, the subsequent endorsement by the federal government, and the
17 effects and implications of newer federal ties to the common core standards;

18 (3) To review any agreements in effect in this state between state education agencies and
19 the federal government relating to common core standards to determine what liabilities
20 could be incurred by the taxpayers of this state if any part of existing programs is
21 terminated prematurely; and

22 (4) To make recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the State
23 Board of Education, the State School Superintendent, the Governor, and local boards of

24 education based on such review to ensure that all state standards, curriculum, and
 25 assessments remain under the control of the state.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
 27 there is created the House Study Committee on the Role of Federal Government in Education
 28 to be composed of 15 members as follows:

- 29 (1) The chairperson of the House Committee on Education or his or her designee;
 30 (2) The chairperson of the House Committee on Higher Education or his or her designee;
 31 and
 32 (3) The following members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
 33 (A) Three members of the House of Representatives, one of which shall be a member
 34 of the minority party;
 35 (B) One member of the State Board of Education;
 36 (C) One local school superintendent from RESA Districts 1-5;
 37 (D) One local school superintendent from RESA Districts 6-10;
 38 (E) One local school superintendent from RESA Districts 11-16;
 39 (F) One teacher from RESA Districts 1-5;
 40 (G) One teacher from RESA Districts 6-10;
 41 (H) One teacher from RESA Districts 11-16; and
 42 (I) Three parents or grandparents of one or more students in a public K-12 school in
 43 this state.

44 The chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the House Committee on Higher
 45 Education shall serve as cochairpersons of the committee. The cochairpersons shall call all
 46 meetings of the committee.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
 48 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
 49 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
 50 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
 51 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
 52 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
 53 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
 54 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
 55 any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized.
 56 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
 57 appropriated to the House of Representatives. The committee shall deliver recommendations

58 in accordance with this resolution by November 30, 2014, and shall stand abolished on
59 December 1, 2014.