

Senate Resolution 459

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Blind or Visually Impaired Persons; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is undoubtedly an important goal of this state to improve education,  
4 rehabilitation, training, and employment outcomes for persons who are blind or visually  
5 impaired by evaluating current policies, procedures, programs, and agencies serving such  
6 persons in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, in order to overcome obstacles to achieving such goals, the legislature should  
8 endeavor to obtain information identifying the contexts in which the state could improve the  
9 quality of life for persons who are blind or visually impaired; and

10 WHEREAS, the collection of information and solicitation of input is the first step in creating  
11 sound policy that ultimately accomplishes the objectives of this state with regard to  
12 supporting the needs and rights of all blind or visually impaired persons.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

14 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee  
15 on Blind or Visually Impaired Persons.

16 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of three members of the  
17 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a  
18 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

19 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
20 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
21 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

22 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
23 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

26 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

27 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided  
28 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

29 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
30 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
32 appropriated to the Senate.

33 (6) **Report.**

34 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
35 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the  
36 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
37 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

38 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for  
39 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)  
40 of this paragraph.

41 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
42 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
43 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
44 the Secretary of the Senate.

45 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary  
46 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

47 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.