

## House Resolution 766

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Bullying in Schools; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that there is a need to study incidents of bullying  
3 in the school environment; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that there is a need to examine the effectiveness  
5 and accuracy of this state's current legal conception of those student interactions that are able  
6 to be proscribed as adversely impactful on the school environment and childhood and  
7 adolescent development; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of government policies and services, proposals from  
9 relevant interest groups and advocacy organizations in this state, and best practices from  
10 other states is critical to ensure that the impact of bullying on Georgia's children and other  
11 family members is considered and addressed.
- 12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
- 13 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
14 on Bullying in Schools.
- 15 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
16 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
17 Representatives. At least two of the members shall be from the minority party. The  
18 Speaker shall designate one of the members 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.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive  
27 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia  
28 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any  
29 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.  
30 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
31 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

32 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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