

House Resolution 1135

By: Representatives Belton of the 112th, Rynders of the 152nd, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 168th, Clark of the 147th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Base Realignment and Closure; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia has been blessed with many powerful military champions, including,
4 but not limited to, Governor Richard B. Russell, Jr., Representative Carl Vinson, President
5 Jimmy Carter, and Senator Sam Nunn; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia maintains the fifth largest military population in the United States that
7 provides a direct economic impact of more than \$20 billion annually; and

8 WHEREAS, a federal base realignment and closure is expected to take place as early as
9 fiscal year 2017, and many Georgia installations have recently faced significant reductions;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, other states are diligently working to protect their military installations from
12 base realignment and closure; and

13 WHEREAS, it is critical that Georgia fights for the future of its military installations before
14 the next base realignment and closure occurs.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

16 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
17 on Base Realignment and Closure.

18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 15 members of the
19 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
21 of the committee.

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

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

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

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

33 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
34 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
35 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
36 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

37 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

52 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.