

House Resolution 1428

By: Representatives Thomas of the 39th, Beskin of the 54th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Clark of the 98th, Thomas of the 56th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Reducing the Caseloads of Foster Kids'
2 Caseworkers; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, caseworkers within the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services have
4 large caseloads; and

5 WHEREAS, a study committee would be helpful to obtain research on how the amount of
6 caseloads per Division of Family and Children Services caseworker can be lowered; and

7 WHEREAS, reduction in caseloads should lead to a reduction in the death rate among
8 children within the system, promote more adequate oversight, and support the holistic
9 development and growth of children in the foster children system.

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

11 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
12 on Reducing the Caseloads of Foster Kids' Caseworkers.

13 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of a number of members
14 of the House of Representatives to be determined and appointed by the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as
16 chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

31 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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