

The House Committee on Special Rules offers the following substitute to HR 57:

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Elementary and Secondary School Nutrition  
2 Programs; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the quality of nutrition supplied to Georgia's children through school nutrition  
4 programs has a significant impact on their development; and

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Education administers federal school nutrition programs and  
6 is committed to improving these programs by ensuring that only the freshest and most  
7 nutritious foods available are served in our cafeterias; and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health works collaboratively with the Department of  
9 Education in the administration of important federal and state child nutrition programs, such  
10 as the United States Department of Agriculture Food Distribution Program and Georgia  
11 Shape; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, as part of its 20/20 Vision for School Nutrition  
13 campaign, has successfully assisted 45 Georgia schools in building foundations for  
14 sustainable farm-to-cafeteria options through agency programs such as Feed My School For  
15 A Week and Georgia Grown Test Kitchens; and

16 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study and collect information on the overall condition  
17 of school nutrition programs in Georgia and to discuss opportunities for improvements to the  
18 state administration of these programs.

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

20 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
21 on Elementary and Secondary School Nutrition Programs.

22 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following 15  
23 members:

- 24 (A) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker  
25 of the House of Representatives, who shall designate one of such members as  
26 chairperson.
- 27 (B) The State School Superintendent or his or her designee.
- 28 (C) The commissioner of the Department of Public Health or his or her designee.
- 29 (D) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee.
- 30 (E) The commissioner of early care and learning or his or her designee.
- 31 (F) Two members to be appointed by the chairperson who shall be school nutrition  
32 directors each currently employed by a school system in this state.
- 33 (G) Two members to be appointed by the chairperson who shall be finance directors  
34 for a local board of education.
- 35 (H) Two members to be appointed by the chairperson who shall be producers or  
36 distributors of agricultural products.
- 37 (I) One member to be appointed by the chairperson who shall be a parent of a child or  
38 children attending elementary or secondary school in this state.
- 39 (J) One member to be appointed by the chairperson who shall be a registered dietician  
40 in this state.
- 41 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
42 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
43 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
- 44 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
45 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
46 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
47 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
- 48 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**
- 49 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided  
50 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
- 51 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,  
52 or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee,  
53 but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their  
54 duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for  
55 expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.
- 56 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state  
57 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that  
58 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia  
59 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state  
60 employees.

61 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received  
62 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
63 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
64 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the  
65 reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and  
66 state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their  
67 respective agencies.

68 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

80 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the  
81 House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu  
82 thereof.

83 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.