

## Senate Resolution 496

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th and Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Urban Development Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the continued economic and social advancement of this state requires the  
3 existence of thriving inner city and urban centers; and

4 WHEREAS, economic and social advancement in inner city and urban areas necessitates  
5 unique policy prescriptions to various challenges; and

6 WHEREAS, the study of economic development, education, policing, crime prevention, and  
7 housing in inner city and urban areas is needed for the development of a comprehensive  
8 policy agenda for continued progress in inner city and urban areas; and

9 WHEREAS, an agenda for stronger families and schools; fostering community and policing  
10 relationships and criminal justice equity; and more employment opportunities, economic  
11 development, affordable housing, and access to health care in inner city and urban areas will  
12 provide for a better Georgia.

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

14 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Urban  
15 Development Study Committee.

16 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five 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, 2017.