

House Resolution 1102

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Increasing Access to Pre-K and After-School
2 Programs; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, high-quality Pre-K programs and after-school programs can provide crucial
4 development and learning opportunities for children; and

5 WHEREAS, certain barriers exist, including access, awareness, and availability, that can
6 inhibit participation by children in such programs; and

7 WHEREAS, Pre-K programs that provide four-year-old children with high-quality preschool
8 experiences can help improve children's school readiness; and

9 WHEREAS, participation in high-quality after-school programs can increase attendance,
10 improve behavior, and raise student achievement, as well as provide children and youth from
11 kindergarten through high school with a safe and enriching place to go after the school day
12 ends; and

13 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study potential strategies to incentivize and increase
14 the number of quality, affordable Pre-K programs and after-school programs, including tax
15 benefits, and to encourage public, private, and nonprofit organizations to provide and expand
16 opportunities for children to participate in such programs.

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

18 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
19 on Increasing Access to Pre-K and After-School Programs.

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

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

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

31 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
32 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
33 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
34 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
35 Funds 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, 2018.