

House Resolution 1162

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the majority of primary and secondary public schools and local school systems
4 in Georgia seek accreditation through a private organization; and

5 WHEREAS, there is no state government entity in Georgia that accredits primary and
6 secondary public schools or local school systems; and

7 WHEREAS, some states provide for state accreditation of their public schools and school
8 systems; and

9 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to undertake a study regarding the potential establishment
10 of a state accreditation process for public schools and school systems in this state, including:

- 11 (1) The resources and structure that would be necessary, any impediments that would
12 need to be addressed, and the interaction with existing private accreditation agencies;
- 13 (2) An analysis of aligning accreditation review with charter or contract renewal for
14 charter systems and strategic waivers school systems, respectively;
- 15 (3) The possible establishment of a state process for the annual review of system charters
16 and contracts, including student academic achievement, local board governance, and
17 financial management;
- 18 (4) Possible consequences of losing state accreditation that could be utilized, such as
19 removal of local board of education members and loss of system charter or contract; and
- 20 (5) The possibility of establishing a school board review commission.

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

- 22 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
23 on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process.

24 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
25 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
27 of the committee.

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

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

35 (5) **Allowances and funding.** Members of the committee who are members of the
36 General Assembly shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of
37 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution
38 shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless
39 additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
40 resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

41 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

56 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.