

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SR 902:

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Revising the Applicability and Nomenclature of the  
2 Offense of Rape; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, sexual assault involving sexual penetration carried out against a person without  
4 that person's consent affects victims across genders, gender identities, and sexual  
5 orientations; and

6 WHEREAS, the injuries and the traumatic effects incurred by such sexual assault are the  
7 same for all victims; and

8 WHEREAS, in recognition that all victims of sexual assault involving sexual penetration are  
9 of the same standing, the offense of rape may need to be reclassified under Georgia law to  
10 include elements of the offenses of aggravated sodomy, aggravated sexual battery, and other  
11 such sexual offenses; and

12 WHEREAS, study is needed on sexual offenses and the elements of such crimes to determine  
13 whether elements and nomenclature for the offense of rape need to be revised in Georgia law.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 GEORGIA:

16 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee  
17 on Revising the Applicability and Nomenclature of the Offense of Rape.

18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
19 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a  
20 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

31 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
32 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
33 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
34 appropriated to the Senate.

35 (6) **Report.**

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

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

43 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
44 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
45 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
46 the Secretary of the Senate.

47 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary  
48 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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