

Senate Resolution 914

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th, Henson of the 41st, Jones of the 10th and others

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Emergency Pursuits By Law Enforcement Officers Study Committee;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies conduct vehicle pursuits in  
4 the engagement of persons suspected of committing criminal offenses; and

5 WHEREAS, if conducted recklessly such pursuits can endanger the lives of the general  
6 public on the roadways; and

7 WHEREAS, for the safety of the general public and law enforcement officers study is needed  
8 on how best to address both the need of law enforcement officers to conduct emergency  
9 pursuits under certain circumstances and the paramount principle of public safety.

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

11 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Emergency  
12 Pursuits By Law Enforcement Officers Study Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

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