

Senate Resolution 304

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Black of the 8th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jackson of the 2nd and Harbin of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Athletic Association Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia High School Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that
3 organizes and conducts competitive high school sports and activities for its member school
4 systems; and

5 WHEREAS, the majority of the members of the Georgia High School Association are public
6 school systems supported by tax dollars; and

7 WHEREAS, as tax dollars provide the majority of the funding of the Georgia High School
8 Association, there should be greater transparency by such association relating to finances and
9 oversight; and

10 WHEREAS, there should be an opportunity for students and school personnel to participate
11 in hearings relating to interscholastic athletic events, including accessible locations around
12 the state to participate in such hearings; and

13 WHEREAS, the representation on the board of directors of any such entity should reflect the
14 diversity of the state and its local school systems; and

15 WHEREAS, an analysis of the current structure for interscholastic athletic events in which
16 public high schools in this state participate should be conducted to determine whether a
17 nonprofit organization should be designated in this state to provide for the organizing,
18 sanctioning, and scheduling for interscholastic high school athletic events.

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

20 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Athletic
21 Association Study Committee.

22 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
23 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
24 legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

38 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

52 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.