

Senate Resolution 452

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Black of the 8th, Martin of the 9th and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Financial Efficiency Star Rating (FESR); and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, under O.C.G.A. Section 20-14-33, the Office of Student Achievement annually
4 determines and publishes a "star rating" on financial efficiency for each school and for each
5 local school system; and

6 WHEREAS, such financial efficiency is determined based on an analysis of how federal and
7 state funds spent by local school systems impact student achievement and school
8 improvement, and components of such analysis include actual achievement, resource
9 efficiency, and student participation in standardized testing; and

10 WHEREAS, it is a widely held belief that there are disparities in the financial efficiency star
11 ratings that result when comparing schools of unequal size, with the star rating favoring
12 larger schools at the expense of smaller schools; and

13 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the state to examine the financial efficiency star rating
14 system to determine whether it should be continued, modified, or eliminated.

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

16 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
17 on the Financial Efficiency Star Rating (FESR).

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

34 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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