

House Resolution 1269

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Local Law Enforcement Retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the benefits offered by retirement systems for local law enforcement officers
4 vary throughout the state; and

5 WHEREAS, some states offer a unified state-wide system of retirement benefits for local law
6 enforcement officers and personnel; and

7 WHEREAS, this state currently provides funding sources for systems such as the Peace
8 Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund and the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, a state-wide retirement system for all local law enforcement officers and
10 personnel would be a method for recruitment and retention of experienced employees; and

11 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine possible funding sources, annual pay-ins, and the
12 cost of establishing such system and whether current retirement funds could be combined
13 into such a system.

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

15 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
16 on Local Law Enforcement Retirement.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of four members of the
18 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives. The Speaker shall also appoint an additional seven nonlegislative
20 members of the committee as follows:

21 (A) Two sheriffs;

22 (B) Two chiefs of police;

23 (C) The executive director of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia or his or
24 her designee;

25 (D) The chairperson of the board of commissioners of the Peace Officers' Annuity and
26 Benefit Fund or his or her designee; and

27 (E) The chairperson of the board of commissioners of the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of
28 Georgia or his or her designee.

29 The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

37 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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

40 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
41 or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the
42 committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the
43 performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they
44 are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

45 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
46 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
47 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
48 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
49 employees.

50 (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
51 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
52 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
53 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement
54 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the
55 reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated
56 to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

57 (6) **Report.**

58 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
59 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the

60 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
61 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

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

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

72 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2020.