

House Resolution 120

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Motor Vehicle Crimes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, motor vehicle thefts and other motor vehicle related crimes in Georgia are of
3 great concern to members of the House of Representatives; and
- 4 WHEREAS, larceny from motor vehicles, including theft of vulnerable parts such as
5 catalytic converters, has become one of the most common crimes in metropolitan areas; and
- 6 WHEREAS, credit fraud and insurance fraud related to motor vehicles continues to increase;
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, when these types of crimes increase, property values in surrounding areas
9 decrease and a community's sense of safety and well-being are in jeopardy; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a study is needed to gather information regarding the increasing occurrences
11 of these crimes and what responses are being taken by law enforcement to combat such
12 crimes; and

13 WHEREAS, a study of possible changes to existing laws which could lead to a decrease in
14 crime rates relating to motor vehicle crimes is warranted.

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

16 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
17 on Motor Vehicle Crimes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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

51 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2021.