

Senate Resolution 150

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Crime and Youth Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, it appears that almost daily the State of Georgia experiences another senseless
3 violent death of one of its citizens because of criminal activity; and
- 4 WHEREAS, many of those killed are innocent victims and many are children; and
- 5 WHEREAS, crime costs everyone something, whether in the form of their lives, their
6 property, their safety, their security, their savings, or their loved ones; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the General Assembly needs to look into and study the question of crime and
8 its causes as well as its effects; and
- 9 WHEREAS, as a part of this study, the General Assembly needs to understand why young
10 people are being drawn into criminal activity; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the General Assembly needs to review our laws to see if there are legislative
12 responses that could alleviate some of the criminal activity present in the state today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

(1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Crime and Youth Study Committee.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate one of such members as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall be authorized to request the assistance of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, experts in criminology and sociology at state institutions, and other similar experts in the area to assist the committee in its study.

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

(5) **Allowances and funding.**

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

(B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds 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. Any member of the committee may file a minority report
50 that shall accompany the majority report.

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

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