

Senate Resolution 802

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Transparency in High School Athletic Associations;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia High School Association is an organizing, sanctioning, scheduling,
4 and rule-making body for interscholastic athletic events in which public and private schools
5 in this state participate; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia High School Association is a private, nongovernmental
7 organization, and, as such, is not subject to certain transparency requirements such as
8 providing detailed financial records of its revenues and expenditures; and

9 WHEREAS, to become a member of the Georgia High School Association, a school is
10 required to submit dues; and

11 WHEREAS, because public high schools in Georgia are members of such association, the
12 financing of the association is composed of a large portion of public funds and functions in
13 some ways as a quasi-governmental entity; and

14 WHEREAS, as a steward of public funds, the General Assembly has determined that it is
15 prudent to examine the use of such public funds in this state.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA:

18 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
19 Transparency in High School Athletic Associations.

20 (2) **Members and officers.**

21 (A) The committee shall be composed of ten members.

22 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the
23 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
24 members as cochairperson.

25 (C) The President of the Senate shall appoint five members of the Senate as members
26 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

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

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

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

40 **(6) Report.**

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

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

48 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
49 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

50 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
51 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.

52 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Clerk
53 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate copies of the minutes
54 of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

55 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2022.