

Senate Resolution 802

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate 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 SENATE:

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

19 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members to be
20 appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate one such member
21 of the committee as chairperson.

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

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

35 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

47 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
48 Secretary of the Senate copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
49 thereof.

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