

## House Resolution 1754

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Georgia Teacher Planning and Duty-Free Lunch;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, supporting Georgia teachers is a key priority for the state, the General  
4 Assembly, and the House of Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, teachers require sufficient planning time to properly develop lesson plans,  
6 create classroom materials, and accomplish other professional requirements; and

7 WHEREAS, planning time is often lost due to the need for teachers to cover classes for  
8 absent colleagues when substitute teachers cannot be secured; and

9 WHEREAS, substitute teachers play an integral role in ensuring teachers have sufficient  
10 planning time and allowing teachers to complete necessary professional learning; and

11 WHEREAS, state funding for substitute teachers has not increased since the Quality Basic  
12 Education Act was passed in 1985; and

13 WHEREAS, duty-free lunch provides teachers time needed for physical and mental renewal  
14 and helps support high-quality work for the remainder of the school day; and

15 WHEREAS, current duty-free lunch and planning time requirements are waived by many  
16 school districts for a variety of reasons, including staff shortages, required professional  
17 learning, and lack of substitute teachers; and

18 WHEREAS, in December 2025, the Georgia Roundtable for Strategic Educator Recruitment  
19 and Retention recommended increasing substitute funding and protecting planning time as  
20 part of its "Strategic Plan for Educator Recruitment and Retention"; and

21 WHEREAS, further study on this issue is needed to develop policy and funding solutions to  
22 better address the need for teacher duty-free lunch and planning time.

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

24 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
25 on Teacher Planning and Duty-Free Lunch.

26 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of six members of the  
27 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
29 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 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) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
41 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
42 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
43 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

44 **(6) Report.**

45 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
46 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the  
47 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
48 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

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

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

59 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2026.