

## House Resolution 519

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## A RESOLUTION

1 To create the House Study Committee on Parimutuel Betting on Horse Racing; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has a large agricultural industry that contributes  
4 significantly to the economy of this state and a portion of that industry is involved with  
5 breeding, raising, and training of horses; and

6 WHEREAS, the legalization of horse racing and parimutuel betting in this state would aid  
7 in the further development and expansion of the horse breeding and raising industry in this  
8 state and its contribution to the economy of this state; and

9 WHEREAS, the legalization of horse racing and parimutuel betting would also increase tax  
10 revenues for Georgia and aid in meeting the budgetary demands of government; and

11 WHEREAS, the financial implications for the state of such legalization to improve Georgia's  
12 economy further deserves to be considered and studied.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
14 there is created the House Study Committee on Parimutuel Betting on Horse Racing to be  
15 composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker  
16 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee  
17 as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above  
19 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or  
20 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as  
21 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,  
22 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The  
23 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members

1 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days  
2 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
3 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the  
4 event that the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations with  
5 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December  
6 31, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2005.