

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to HR 52:

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Childhood Lead Exposure; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is concerned with the early intervention and
3 prevention of childhood lead exposure; and
- 4 WHEREAS, childhood lead poisoning can be prevented; and
- 5 WHEREAS, primary prevention is the best way to prevent the adverse outcomes of lead
6 exposure, in which damage cannot be reversed; and
- 7 WHEREAS, lead paint is present in one-third of the nation's dwellings, particularly older
8 homes; and
- 9 WHEREAS, there is no safe blood lead level in children as even small amounts have been
10 shown to affect IQ, attention span, and academic achievement; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 2012, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its
12 recommendations on children's blood lead levels and recommended interventions when blood
13 levels reach 5 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood; and

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WHEREAS, under current Georgia law, confirmed lead poisoning means a confirmed concentration of lead equal to or greater than 20 micrograms of lead per deciliter for a single venous test or between 15 and 19 micrograms of lead per deciliter in two capillary tests taken at least three months apart, which results in missing a population of exposed children; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the full effect of lead exposure on this missing population and make recommendations on how Georgia can effectively prevent adverse outcomes.

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

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Childhood Lead Exposure.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of six members.

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

(C) The commissioner of the Department of Public Health or his or her designee shall be a member 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.

(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.

38 **(5) Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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

41 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
42 or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee,
43 but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their
44 duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for
45 expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

46 (C) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
47 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
48 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
49 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the
50 reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and
51 state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their
52 respective agencies.

53 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

- 65 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
66 House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
67 thereof.
- 68 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2021.