

House Resolution 754

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Williams of the 168th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Street Lighting Along State Routes; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, proper street lighting is critical for public safety, reducing traffic accidents,
4 enhancing pedestrian security, and improving overall roadway visibility; and

5 WHEREAS, many state routes suffer from inadequate lighting due to aging infrastructure,
6 storm damage, or lack of initial installation; and

7 WHEREAS, a state-wide assessment is needed to determine where street lights are
8 nonfunctional, outdated, or absent; and

9 WHEREAS, engagement with local governments, utility providers, and the Department of
10 Transportation is necessary to identify funding and jurisdictional challenges relating to street
11 lighting; and

12 WHEREAS, study is needed determine what mechanism can be developed for ongoing
13 tracking and reporting of street lighting issues, ensuring that citizens and local officials can
14 notify the appropriate state agency about street light issues in a timely manner; and

15 WHEREAS, study of policy solutions to address issues relating to street lights such as repair
16 backlogs, optimized placement, and improvement of maintenance response times is needed.

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

18 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
19 on Street Lighting Along State Routes.

20 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
21 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
23 of the committee.

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

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

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

37 (6) **Report.**

38 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
39 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the

40 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
41 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

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

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

52 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.