

House Resolution 887

By: Representatives Blackmon of the 146th and Erwin of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Reducing and Prioritizing Mandates for Public
2 School Administration; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, providing for public education is a primary responsibility of the State of
4 Georgia, as enshrined in the Constitution; and

5 WHEREAS, local school systems are established and maintained and under the management
6 and control of local boards of education; and

7 WHEREAS, providing for the education of Georgia's public school students is a
8 responsibility shared by state and local governing authorities; and

9 WHEREAS, the effective administration of public elementary and secondary schools in this
10 state requires local boards of education, local school system administrators, and public school
11 administrators to address many and varied state and federal statutory and regulatory
12 mandates; and

13 WHEREAS, the addition of new legal mandates each year to existing mandates, some of
14 which have become outmoded or are practically unenforceable, can have the unintended

15 effect of dividing the attention of local boards of education, local school system
16 administrators, and public school administrators, with increasing attention paid to
17 administrative matters at the expense of decreasing attention paid to supporting and
18 improving student learning; and

19 WHEREAS, it is critical that state and local resources and efforts should be primarily
20 focused on supporting and improving student learning rather than complying with legal
21 mandates, especially such mandates that have become outmoded, are practically
22 unenforceable, or are no longer the priority of state and local governing authorities; and

23 WHEREAS, a review of existing mandates relating to public school administration is needed
24 for legislators, education leaders, and community stakeholders to examine and evaluate best
25 practices for reducing and prioritizing mandates for public school administrators, and to
26 recommend legislative and policy initiatives to that end.

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

28 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
29 on Reducing and Prioritizing Mandates for Public School Administration.

30 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of six members of the
31 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
32 Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member
33 of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

37 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
38 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

39 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
40 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

41 **(5) Allowances and funding.**

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

44 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
45 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
46 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
47 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

48 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

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