

House Resolution 1255

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Sharper of the 177th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Combating Human Trafficking in Major
2 Transportation Areas; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, human trafficking reaches every corner of the globe, including Georgia and
4 local communities; and

5 WHEREAS, human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar criminal enterprise and is considered
6 the fastest growing illegal industry in the world; and

7 WHEREAS, human trafficking involves commercial sexual exploitation and labor servitude;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the world's busiest
10 airport, and as such, can be an unintended haven for human traffickers; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's seaports and other areas of major transportation may also serve as
12 breeding grounds for traffickers; and

13 WHEREAS, a study committee is needed to thoroughly evaluate what additional resources
14 may be needed by airports, seaports, and other major areas of transportation within the state
15 to effectively and efficiently combat human trafficking.

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

17 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
18 on Combating Human Trafficking in Major Transportation Areas.

19 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 11 members of the
20 House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate
21 a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

35 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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

50 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.