

House Resolution 1416

By: Representatives Neal of the 79th and Werkheiser of the 157th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Felony Sentencing and Punishment in Georgia; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the citizens of this state to thoroughly evaluate existing
4 felony sentencing and punishment provisions in Georgia relative to both juveniles and adults.

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

6 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
7 on Felony Sentencing and Punishment in Georgia.

8 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
9 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
11 of the committee.

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

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

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

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

25 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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