

House Resolution 196

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee to Review the Education Equalization Grant; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the state funding provided to Georgia's public schools is based generally on
4 student counts and type of program, and it is supplemented with additional equalization
5 grants for local school systems which have relatively weak local tax bases; and

6 WHEREAS, the equalization formula takes into consideration the number of students in the
7 school system, the value of property in the school system, and the property tax rate; and

8 WHEREAS, some local school systems, such as the DeKalb County School System, enroll
9 a higher percentage of the state's students than their percentage of the state's tax base; and

10 WHEREAS, due to these inequities, it would be beneficial to the state's children to review
11 this funding mechanism to determine whether it is an appropriate and equitable method of
12 calculating and distributing state education funds among local school systems.

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

14 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
15 to Review the Education Equalization Grant.

16 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
17 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
19 of the committee.

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

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

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

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

28 (A) Members of the committee who are members of the General Assembly shall
29 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
30 Georgia Annotated.

31 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
32 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
33 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, 2019.