

Senate Resolution 1083

By: Senators VanNess of the 43rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Rhett of the 33rd and Harper of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Criminal Justice Reform Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, criminal justice reform measures have been recently implemented in this state;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the impact of such criminal justice reforms will continue to be felt throughout
5 the state; and

6 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine the effects of criminal justice reform on local
7 governments, the prison and juvenile justice populations, costs to the state, and other entities
8 and efforts.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

10 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Criminal Justice
11 Reform Study Committee.

12 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
13 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
14 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

25 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
26 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
27 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
28 appropriated to the Senate.

29 **(6) Report.**

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

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

37 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
38 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
39 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
40 the Secretary of the Senate.

41 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
42 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

43 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.