

Senate Resolution 1227

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Judy O'Neal-Rules of the Road Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in Georgia, the presence of bicycles on roadways increases daily; and

4 WHEREAS, the use of bicycles as a mode of transportation is an economically and
5 environmentally friendly means of conveyance and has grown in popularity throughout many
6 of our rural and urban cities; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly has routinely addressed its vehicle and bicycle
8 laws to ensure the safety of all parties on the roads; and

9 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of better transportation and increased public safety that the
10 Senate examine ways in which to strengthen and enhance the rules of the road for bicyclers
11 and motor vehicles.

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

13 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Judy
14 O'Neal-Rules of the Road Study Committee.

15 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the chairpersons of the
16 Senate Rules Committee, Senate Transportation Committee, Senate Public Safety
17 Committee, and two members to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The
18 chairperson of the Senate Rules Committee shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

32 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

44 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
45 of the Senate copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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