

Senate Resolution 192

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Jackson of the 2nd, Halpern of the 39th and Anavitarte of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Age of Mandatory Education Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, mandatory attendance in public school, private school, or home school program
3 is required in this state for children between their sixth and sixteenth birthdays; and

4 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine whether the age of mandatory attendance in this
5 state should be raised from 16 to 17.

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

7 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Age of Mandatory
8 Education Study Committee.

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

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

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

26 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

40 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2021.