

Senate Resolution 353

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Martin of the 9th, Sims of the 12th, Jones II of the 22nd, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Community Schools; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the provision of public education for the citizens is a primary obligation of the
3 State of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in fulfilling such primary obligation, the state provides financial assistance and
5 may enact laws pursuant to which funds may be expended; and
- 6 WHEREAS, community schools chosen by parents for the education of their children are a
7 critical component in this state's efforts to provide access to an array of efficient and
8 high-quality choices for the education of its citizens; and
- 9 WHEREAS, community schools focus on the entire child, under the premise that if the basic
10 needs of a student are not met, the student will not be able to focus or succeed in the
11 classroom; and
- 12 WHEREAS, community school programming relies on meaningful and sustained
13 collaboration between the school and community stakeholders, including local governmental
14 units, civic engagement organizations, businesses, and social service providers and the
15 establishment and maintenance of partnerships with institutions, such as universities,
16 hospitals, museums, corporations, community organizations, or other community partners,
17 to further the development and implementation of community school programming; and
- 18 WHEREAS, community schools can provide valuable educational options and learning
19 opportunities that best fit the individual needs of children.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:
- 21 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
22 on Community Schools.

23 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
24 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
25 legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

39 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

53 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.