

Senate Resolution 382

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Police Body Camera Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the General Assembly is committed to the safety of peace officers in the
3 performance of their essential public safety responsibilities; and

4 WHEREAS, many law enforcement agencies in this state have adopted, or are contemplating
5 the adoption of, body camera technology to be worn by their officers; and

6 WHEREAS, study is needed to examine the implications for the use of police body cameras
7 upon law enforcement officers and the citizenry and best practices and polices for their use.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 GEORGIA:

10 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Police Body Camera
11 Study Committee.

12 (2) **Members and officers.**

13 (A) The committee shall be composed of seven members.

14 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members of the Senate as members
15 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

16 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the
17 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
18 members as cochairperson.

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 cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
23 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
24 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
25 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

26 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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

29 (B) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
30 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
31 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
32 from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

33 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

45 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
46 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
47 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

48 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.