

House Resolution 680

By: Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Paris of the 142nd, Dreyer of the 59th, Trammell of the 132nd, and Stovall of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on School Nutrition Program Funding; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the current funding of school nutrition programs in Georgia needs occasional
4 review by the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, the school nutrition program is funded by federal, state, and local sources.
6 Ensuring a healthy, nutritious, and effective nutrition program is important for a positive
7 educational environment; and

8 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the General Assembly, students, and the workers in
9 local school nutrition programs to study this vital program state wide; and

10 WHEREAS, it would be helpful to study state and federal funding of school nutrition
11 programs before the recession of 2007 to 2009, during said recession, and since the end of
12 said recession; and

13 WHEREAS, the issues of funding levels, historical trends, participation in programs, local
14 funding, and employee pay each need review; and

15 WHEREAS, it would also be helpful to study the reasons for not including school nutrition
16 program workers in state benefit plans and to investigate alternate sources of school nutrition
17 program funding.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

19 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
20 on the School Nutrition Program Funding.

21 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of six members of the
22 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of

Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

(5) **Allowances and funding.**

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

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

(6) **Report.**

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

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

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

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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