

House Resolution 1257

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Clark of the 100th, Davis of the 87th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Combating Homelessness Among Veterans; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, unacceptable levels of homelessness among veterans remains an ongoing
4 challenge in this state; and

5 WHEREAS, approximately 40,000 veterans in Georgia are living in poverty and roughly 700
6 of that number are experiencing homelessness; and

7 WHEREAS, the factors that contribute to veteran homelessness are many and complex, and
8 include a lack of available and affordable housing; and

9 WHEREAS, a study is needed to identify appropriate federal agency initiatives and related
10 state implementations of any such initiatives and to evaluate the federal funding Georgia
11 currently receives that is potentially available for addressing veteran homelessness.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 GEORGIA:

- 14 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
15 Combating Homelessness Among Veterans.
- 16 (2) **Members and officers.**
- 17 (A) The committee shall be composed of thirteen members.
- 18 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint seven members of the
19 House of Representatives as members of the committee as follows:
- 20 (i) One member from the House Committee on Banks and Banking;
- 21 (ii) One member from the House Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight;
- 22 (iii) One member from the House Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs;
- 23 (iv) One member from the House Committee on MARTOC;
- 24 (v) One member from the House Committee on Public Health;
- 25 (vi) One member from the House Committee on Urban Affairs; and
- 26 (vii) One additional member from the House of Representatives.
- 27 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one such member as
28 a cochairperson.
- 29 (D) The President of the Senate shall appoint six members of the Senate as members
30 of the committee as follows:
- 31 (i) One member from the Senate Committee on Children and Families;
- 32 (ii) One member from the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services;
- 33 (iii) One member from the Senate Committee on State Institutions and Property;
- 34 (iv) One member from the Senate Committee on Urban Affairs;
- 35 (v) One member from the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland
36 Security; and
- 37 (vi) One additional member from the Senate.
- 38 (E) The President of the Senate shall designate one such member as a cochairperson.

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

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

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

52 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

67 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.