

## House Resolution 139

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Alternatives to Mass Shooter Prevention Methods;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, shootings are among the most deadly types of emergencies a school may face;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the United States has had 2,032 school shootings since 1970, and this number  
6 is increasing; and

7 WHEREAS, since the historic attack at Columbine High School in 1999, nearly 300,000  
8 students have been on campus during a school shooting; and

9 WHEREAS, according to a government-sponsored report, *Indicators of School Crime and*  
10 *Safety: 2021*, there were 93 school shootings with casualties at U.S. public and private  
11 elementary and secondary schools in 2020-2021, the highest number in 20 years; and

12 WHEREAS, study is necessary to examine additional methods for preventing and deterring  
13 school shootings to include review of hiring standards, qualifications, and training of school  
14 resource officers and target hardening mass shooting preventative methods; and

15 WHEREAS, one method to fight school shootings and enhance safety for those on campus  
16 would be to employ trained combat veterans undercover as "counterterror undercover  
17 teachers" (CUTs) to respond to active threats on campus; and

18 WHEREAS, utilizing undercover, specially trained teachers could provide a tactical response  
19 and almost immediate defense to a mass shooter who would be unaware of the presence of  
20 the CUT upon the school campus; and

21 WHEREAS, the Troops to Teachers program is an invaluable tool for recruiting and  
22 retaining veterans to serve as educators and could serve as a platform for training combat  
23 veterans to serve as CUTs; and

24 WHEREAS, counterterror undercover teachers (CUTs) would not engage in disciplinary  
25 matters or those duties otherwise handled by a school resource officer; and

26 WHEREAS, when on a school campus, a combat veteran CUT would have access to a  
27 firearms storage receptacle located upon school grounds in a secure and undisclosed location;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine what specialized training, qualifications, and other  
30 duties would be best suited for the role of a CUT; and

31 WHEREAS, such study should also include investigating monetary incentives or salary  
32 supplements as a means of recruiting and retaining qualified persons to hold such positions.

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

34 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
35 on Alternatives to Mass Shooter Prevention Methods.

36 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
37 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
38 The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

52 (6) **Report.**

53 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
54 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson 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 chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of  
59 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 chairperson of the committee and filed with  
63 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

67 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2023.