

House Resolution 769

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 136th, and Smith of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Reciprocal State Immunity; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, many officials and employees of the State of Georgia and of local governments
3 in this state operate governmental apparatuses in adjoining states while traveling across state
4 lines in the regular performance of their duties; and
- 5 WHEREAS, traveling through and among state lines creates significant risks that can
6 influence decisions in the performance of government work; and
- 7 WHEREAS, reciprocal agreements for immunity with neighboring states would alleviate or
8 reduce risks in the performance of governmental duties for both the State of Georgia and for
9 neighboring states; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a study is needed to determine possible legislative actions that would provide
11 for reciprocal tort immunity for officials and employees of the State of Georgia operating
12 governmental apparatuses in neighboring states and for the officials and employees of
13 neighboring states operating governmental apparatuses in this state.
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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15 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
16 on Reciprocal State Immunity.

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

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

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

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

34 (6) **Report.**

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

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

42 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
43 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

44 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
45 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

49 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2021.