

## Senate Resolution 121

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th, Jones II of the 22nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Helping Georgia Students Overcome COVID-19 Related Learning Loss  
2 Study Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic created public health challenges that caused many  
4 schools to move to remote learning or socially distanced learning environments; and

5 WHEREAS, many students struggled in these different learning environments and fell  
6 behind in core subject matters; and

7 WHEREAS, students not only fell behind, but also saw their performance fall behind  
8 pre-pandemic levels in the same subjects in a phenomenon that has become known as  
9 "learning loss"; and

10 WHEREAS, the concept of "learning loss," and how Georgia can help its students overcome  
11 learning loss, is not well understood; and

12 WHEREAS, thoughtful deliberation through hearings with teachers, other experts, and  
13 students will help Georgia develop the best solution to this problem faced by our students.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

15 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Helping Georgia  
16 Students Overcome COVID-19 Related Learning Loss Study Committee.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members,  
18 consisting of three members of the Senate to be appointed by the majority leader of the  
19 Senate, three members of the Senate to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,  
20 and the chairperson of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, who shall serve as  
21 chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

35 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

49 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2023.