

Senate Resolution 479

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Unterman of the 45th, Orrock of the 36th, Sims of the 12th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Ending Campus Sexual Assaults Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, many Georgia students become victims of sexual assault on campus every year;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Senate seeks to identify legislation that will curb campus sexual
6 assaults in Georgia.

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

8 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Ending Campus
9 Sexual Assaults Study Committee.

10 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of four members of the
11 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall also appoint
12 an additional four nonlegislative members of the committee who are POST certified
13 officers employed by a college or university in Georgia, who serve in the administration
14 of a college or university in Georgia, or who are employed by the Georgia Bureau of
15 Investigation. The President shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
16 of the committee.

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

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

24 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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

27 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
28 or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the
29 committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the
30 performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they
31 are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

32 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
33 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
34 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
35 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
36 employees.

37 (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
38 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
39 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
40 appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of
41 state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the
42 expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise
43 available to their respective agencies.

44 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

58 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.