

House Resolution 913

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Incorporating Law Enforcement in the Pathway to
2 Treatment and Social Services for Persons Having Challenges with Drug Use and Mental
3 Health; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, communities across the country are launching pre-arrest diversion initiatives
5 designed to better address law enforcement's encounters with people who have challenges
6 with drug use and mental health; and

7 WHEREAS, policing and the community can be helped when law enforcement can
8 successfully serve as a sizeable pathway to treatment and social services in behavioral health
9 interventions; and

10 WHEREAS, study is needed on strategically widening community behavioral health and
11 social service options available through law enforcement diversion, including, but not limited
12 to, matters of funding, data collection, outcomes, and long-term impact.

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

14 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
15 on Incorporating Law Enforcement in the Pathway to Treatment and Social Services for
16 Persons Having Challenges with Drug Use and Mental Health.

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

convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) Allowances and funding.

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

(B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) Report.

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

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

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

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

(7) Abolishment. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.