



Georgia House of Representatives



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H. R. No. 1079 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE) By: Representatives Stanley of the 50th,
Stanley of the 49th, Jamieson of the 22nd, Sinkfield of the 57th, Felton of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1- 1 Creating the Commission on Psychiatric Medication of
- 1- 2 School-Age Children; and for other purposes.
- 1- 3 WHEREAS, national medical reports indicate that psychiatric
- 1- 4 drugs are prescribed to between 5 million and 6 million
- 1- 5 children each year who represent about 10 percent of the
- 1- 6 total school-age population; and
- 1- 7 WHEREAS, the International Narcotics Control Board of the
- 1- 8 World Health Organization has reported that the United
- 1- 9 States is among the leading users of psychiatric drugs and
- 1-10 has warned us against our national trend to overprescribe
stimulants for children.
- 1-12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 1-13 GEORGIA that there is created the Commission on Psychiatric

1-14 Medication of School-Age Children. The commission shall be
1-15 composed of 12 members. Four members of the House of
1-16 Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
1-17 House of Representatives and include a member of the House
1-18 Committee on Children and Youth and a member of the House
1-19 Committee on Health and Ecology. Four members of the Senate
1-20 shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and
1-21 include a member of the Senate Health and Human Services
1-22 Committee. Four members shall be appointed by the Governor
1-23 to represent state governmental services in the areas of
1-24 health, human resources, children services, and education.
1-25 The Governor shall appoint the chairperson who shall call
all meetings and schedule the agenda of the commission.

1-27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall undertake a
1-28 study to investigate the use of psychiatric medications and
1-29 their effects on school-age children of this state and to
1-30 provide recommendations for improved oversight of the
1-31 prescribed use of narcotics among Georgia's youth. The
1-32 commission may conduct meetings at such places and at such
1-33 times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to
1-34 exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
1-35 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
1-36 resolution. The members of the commission shall serve
1-37 without compensation; provided, however, that legislative

2- 1 members shall receive the allowances authorized for
2- 2 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not
2- 3 more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
2- 4 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
2- 5 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the
2- 6 Senate and House of Representatives. In the event the
2- 7 commission makes a report of its findings and
2- 8 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation,
2- 9 if any, such reports shall be made on or before December 1,
2-10 2000. The commission shall stand abolished on December 1,
2-11 2000.