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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A HOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE  
2 NEED AND FEASIBILITY OF ADDRESSING PROBLEMS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
3 OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS RELATING TO LOSS OF INCOME FROM  
4 ON-THE-JOB RELATED INJURIES; TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE A  
5 WRITTEN REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE DECEMBER  
6 1, 2003; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 WHEREAS, the Legislature realizes that our state's law  
8 enforcement and fire fighter personnel are grossly underpaid; and

9 WHEREAS, the Legislature realizes that we ask these  
10 individuals to put themselves directly in harm's way on a daily  
11 basis, risking bodily injury and even death to protect our lives  
12 and property; and

13 WHEREAS, most law enforcement officers and fire fighters must  
14 work at least one other part-time job to support themselves and  
15 their families financially; and

16 WHEREAS, if a law enforcement officer or fire fighter is  
17 injured on duty, he or she may be on short-term disability, which  
18 proves to be an extreme financial hardship on the family:

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That a House study  
21 committee is created to study the need and feasibility of  
22 addressing problems of law enforcement officers and fire fighters  
23 relating in loss of income from on-the-job related injuries. The  
24 House study committee shall be composed of nine (9) members of the  
25 House of Representatives, including the Chairman of  
26 Appropriations, the Chairman of Insurance and seven (7) members  
27 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

28 After the members are appointed, the membership shall meet on  
29 a date mutually agreed upon by a majority of the members for the



30 purpose of organizing the committee and establishing rules for  
31 transacting its business and keeping records. A majority of  
32 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum at all  
33 committee meetings. An affirmative vote of a majority of the  
34 members present and voting shall be required in the adoption of  
35 rules, resolutions, reports and in any other actions taken by the  
36 committee. All members of the committee shall be notified in  
37 writing of all regular and special meetings of the committee,  
38 which notices shall be mailed at least five (5) days before the  
39 date of the meetings. The committee shall hold a minimum of three  
40 (3) regular meetings.

41 The study committee shall make a written report of its  
42 findings and recommendations, and shall file its report with the  
43 Clerk of the House, no later than December 1, 2003. Upon filing  
44 of its report, the study committee shall be dissolved.

45 For attending the meetings of the committee, each member  
46 shall be paid, from the Contingent Expense Fund, per diem  
47 compensation in the amount authorized by Section 25-3-69,  
48 Mississippi Code of 1972, and a mileage allowance and an expense  
49 allowance in the amount authorized by Section 5-1-47, Mississippi  
50 Code of 1972. However, no per diem compensation, mileage  
51 allowance or expense allowance shall be paid for attending  
52 meetings of the committee while the Legislature is in session, and  
53 no per diem compensation, mileage allowance or expense allowance  
54 shall be paid without prior approval of the proper committee.

55 All expenses incurred by and on behalf of the committee shall  
56 be paid from funds made available by the House Management  
57 Committee from the Contingent Expense Fund, from any funds  
58 appropriated for the purpose of this resolution and from any  
59 grants or contributions made to the committee for its purpose.

60 In carrying out the provisions of this resolution, the  
61 committee may utilize the services, facilities and personnel of  
62 all departments, agencies, offices and institutions of the state.

