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S.C.R. No. 39

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, It is desirable to adopt by resolution various rules  
2 and policies regarding the operation of joint committees to  
3 supplement, and reconcile differences between, the senate and house  
4 rules of procedure; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby confirms the proclamation of the lieutenant governor and the  
7 speaker of the house of representatives creating the Joint Select  
8 Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth  
9 Commission; and, be it further

10           RESOLVED, That the co-chairs of the joint select committee,  
11 acting jointly and within two weeks of the proclamation, prepare  
12 and present to the presiding officers a proposal for budget and  
13 staffing; and, be it further

14           RESOLVED, That the co-chairs be directed to use to the  
15 greatest extent possible the existing staff and administrative  
16 resources of committee members, standing committees, officers of  
17 the senate and house, and legislative service agencies; and, be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That the presiding officers of each house jointly  
20 review the budget and staffing proposal, adopt budgetary and  
21 staffing allocations, and determine the manner in which the joint  
22 select committee is to be funded; and, be it further

23           RESOLVED, That the joint select committee co-chairs, acting  
24 by mutual agreement, have authority to create and appoint

1 subcommittees or affiliated advisory panels and to designate  
2 respective chairs for each, contingent on the advance approval of  
3 the presiding officers for the creation and appointment of  
4 subcommittees or advisory panels containing membership external to  
5 the committee; and, be it further

6         RESOLVED, That the joint select committee, and its  
7 subcommittees and advisory panels, convene at the call of the  
8 respective co-chairs or chairs; provided that the committee, its  
9 subcommittees, and its advisory panels may not convene in a public  
10 hearing or other meeting for the transaction of business unless  
11 public notice has been posted by the respective co-chairs or chairs  
12 at the locations specified by the senate and house rules of  
13 procedure for posting of notice of standing committee meetings at  
14 least 24 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting; and, be it  
15 further

16         RESOLVED, That the preceding clause be construed, for  
17 purposes of Section 551.046, Government Code, as a joint rule of the  
18 senate and house of representatives controlling the posting of  
19 notice for the joint select committee and its subcommittees and  
20 advisory panels, in lieu of required posting with the secretary of  
21 state; and, be it further

22         RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have authority to  
23 issue process as provided by Sections 301.024-301.027, Government  
24 Code, provided that any motion for the issuance of process must  
25 receive the record vote of at least two-thirds of the committee  
26 members present and voting, a quorum being present; and, be it  
27 further

1           RESOLVED, That the joint select committee be entitled to  
2 accept grants and donations as provided by Subsections (b) and (c),  
3 Section 301.032, Government Code, and that, on expiration of the  
4 committee, any unexpended funds remaining from a grant or donation  
5 be transferred in equal proportions to the accounts of the senate  
6 and house of representatives unless otherwise provided by the  
7 grantor or donor; and, be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have all other  
9 powers and duties provided to special committees by Subchapter B,  
10 Chapter 301, Government Code, and the senate and house rules of  
11 procedure; and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the operating account for the joint select  
13 committee and any grants and donations that the committee may  
14 receive be administered by the Texas Legislative Council; and, be  
15 it further

16           RESOLVED, That the joint select committee use the February  
17 2006 edition of the procedures manual for joint committees, which  
18 establishes requirements as to printing needs, accounting  
19 procedures, ultimate disposition of records, and other  
20 administrative and financial matters until a new edition is  
21 published by the Texas Legislative Council; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislative Council be authorized to  
23 reimburse the senate and house of representatives for expenses  
24 incurred by members of the senate and house for transportation,  
25 meals, lodging, and incidentals for travel on official business of  
26 the joint select committee; and, be it further

27           RESOLVED, That the final report of the joint select committee

1 be approved by a majority of the voting membership of the committee;  
2 dissenting voting members may attach statements to the final report  
3 subject to any limitations specified in the rules adopted by the  
4 committee; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the joint select committee expires on January  
6 13, 2009.