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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is desirable to adopt by resolution various rules 3 and policies regarding the operation of joint committees to 4 supplement, and reconcile differences between, the senate and house 5 rules of procedure; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas 7 hereby confirm the proclamation of the lieutenant governor and the 8 speaker of the house of representatives creating the Joint Select 9 Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth 10 Commission; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the co-chairs of the joint select committee, 12 acting jointly and within two weeks of the proclamation, prepare 13 and present to the presiding officers a proposal for budget and 14 staffing; and, be it further

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

20 RESOLVED, That the presiding officers of each house jointly 21 review the budget and staffing proposal, adopt budgetary and 22 staffing allocations, and determine the manner in which the joint 23 select committee is to be funded; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the joint select committee co-chairs, acting

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1 by mutual agreement, have authority to create and appoint 2 subcommittees or affiliated advisory panels and to designate 3 respective chairs for each, contingent on the advance approval of 4 the presiding officers for the creation and appointment of 5 subcommittees or advisory panels containing membership external to 6 the committee; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the joint select committee, and its subcommittees and advisory panels, convene at the call of 8 the 9 respective co-chairs or chairs; provided that the committee, its 10 subcommittees, and its advisory panels may not convene in a public 11 hearing or other meeting for the transaction of business unless public notice has been posted by the respective co-chairs or chairs 12 13 at the locations specified by the senate and house rules of procedure for posting of notice of standing committee meetings at 14 15 least 24 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting; and, be it 16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the preceding clause be construed, for 18 purposes of Section 551.046, Government Code, as a joint rule of the 19 senate and house of representatives controlling the posting of 20 notice for the joint select committee and its subcommittees and 21 advisory panels, in lieu of required posting with the secretary of 22 state; and, be it further

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

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1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have authority to 3 meet in executive session for the limited purpose of examining a 4 witness or deliberating, considering, or debating a decision, 5 provided that no decision may be made or voted on except in a 6 meeting that is open to the public; and, be it further

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

14 RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have all other 15 powers and duties provided to special committees by Subchapter B, 16 Chapter 301, Government Code, and the senate and house rules of 17 procedure; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the operating account for the joint select 19 committee and any grants and donations that the committee may 20 receive be administered by the Texas Legislative Council; and, be 21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That the joint select committee use the February 2006 edition of the procedures manual for joint committees, which 23 establishes to printing needs, 24 requirements as accounting 25 procedures, ultimate disposition of records, and other administrative and financial matters until a new edition is 26 27 published by the Texas Legislative Council; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislative Council be authorized to 2 reimburse the senate and house of representatives for expenses 3 incurred by members of the senate and house for transportation, 4 meals, lodging, and incidentals for travel on official business of 5 the joint select committee; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the final report of the joint select committee 7 be approved by a majority of the voting membership of the committee; 8 dissenting voting members may attach statements to the final report 9 subject to any limitations specified in the rules adopted by the 10 committee; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the joint select committee expires on January 12 13, 2009.