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S.C.R. No. 41

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

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

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

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

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

27 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislative Council be authorized to

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

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

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