

House Resolution 1083

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
2 (STEM) Workforce for Georgia's Growing Economy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly strives to foster a robust workforce and thriving business
4 environment in this state; and

5 WHEREAS, it is in the state's best interest to examine its current practices, pilot programs,
6 and public-private partnerships and initiatives regarding workforce development across
7 Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the value of all work while also giving focus to
9 Georgia's rich agricultural industry as well as the growth of medical, automobile,
10 cybersecurity, and other science based career development sectors of our growing economy;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, nearly 40 percent of Georgia's gross domestic product is due to fast growing
13 STEM related industries that employ over a third of the state's workforce; and

14 WHEREAS, the growing STEM industries will quickly require a larger workforce that is
15 adequately educated and trained.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

17 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
18 on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Workforce for Georgia's Growing
19 Economy.

20 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of fifteen members to be
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a
22 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

23 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
24 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
25 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

26 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
27 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
28 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
29 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

30 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

31 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for
32 in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

33 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
34 or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their service on the
35 committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance
36 of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed
37 for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

38 (C) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
39 of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds

40 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
41 appropriated to the House; except that funds for the reimbursement of expenses of state
42 officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of expenses of state
43 employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their
44 respective agencies.

45 **(6) Report.**

46 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
47 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
48 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
49 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

50 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
51 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of
52 this paragraph.

53 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
54 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
55 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
56 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

57 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
58 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
59 thereof.

60 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.