

House Resolution 1274

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Internet of Things, connectivity of smart cities
2 and counties, and smart port technology; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Internet of Things has been defined as the interconnection via the internet
4 of computing devices embedded in everyday objects, enabling them to send and receive data;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, in a smart city or county, technology is integrated into daily operations in
7 schools, hospitals, and libraries to ensure efficient provision of services is given to residents.
8 Other sectors that depend on efficient technology include infrastructure, water supply
9 networks, power plants, law enforcement, and waste management; and

10 WHEREAS, a smart port is an automated port that uses data analytics to make the right
11 business decisions and run operations effectively. The concept is to use smart technology
12 to increase a port's efficiency and improve performance and economic competitiveness.
13 Implementing automated processes will not only benefit the port but the wider supply chain;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in order to remain as the number one state for business, Georgia needs to lead
16 the way in implementing the Internet of Things, smart cities and counties, and smart ports;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the post-pandemic world will be lead by those who utilize technology to
19 analyze date and use the results to implement policies for state and local governments that
20 are based on data-driven evidence.

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

22 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
23 on the Internet of Things, connectivity of smart cities and counties, and smart port
24 technology.

25 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members as
26 follows:

27 (A) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
28 of the House of Representatives, including the chairperson of the Science and
29 Technology Committee, who shall serve as chairperson;

30 (B) The executive director of the Georgia Ports Authority or his or her designee;

31 (C) The executive director of the Georgia Technology Authority or his or her designee;
32 and

33 (D) Two members from the private sector with experience in managing a city or a
34 county to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

35 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study to examine best practices
36 for the efficient implementation of the technology programs described above and provide
37 recommendations for the implementation of such programs in Georgia and recommend
38 any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

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

43 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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

46 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
47 or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee,
48 but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their
49 duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for
50 expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

51 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
52 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
53 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
54 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
55 employees.

56 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
57 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
58 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
59 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the
60 reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and
61 state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their
62 respective agencies.

63 (6) **Report.**

64 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
65 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the

66 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
67 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

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

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

78 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2022.