

House Resolution 1477

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Offshore Wind Energy; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, offshore wind energy has a technical potential of generating more than 2,000
3 gigawatts of electricity in the United States, and could generate nearly double the nation's
4 current electricity use; and
- 5 WHEREAS, offshore wind energy presents an opportunity to cut greenhouse gas emissions,
6 reducing negative impacts on climate and human health; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the offshore wind industry is poised for rapid growth in the United States.
8 Market projections anticipate between 20,000 and 30,000 megawatts of offshore wind
9 capacity will be operational by 2030, representing between \$28 and \$57 billion of investment
10 in the United States economy; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Georgia's investment in the offshore wind industry would not only provide the
12 state with clean, affordable, and reliable power, it would also contribute a variety of benefits
13 to Georgia's economy, including supporting numerous jobs, generating millions in economic
14 output, and the development of critical coastal infrastructure; and

15 WHEREAS, other states in the union, including Virginia and North Carolina, have begun
16 investing in and developing their offshore wind industries through the creation of offshore
17 wind development authorities; and

18 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine how Georgia can invest in the development of its
19 offshore wind industry, including, but not limited to, determining whether the creation of an
20 offshore wind development authority would be a viable option that would benefit the citizens
21 of this state.

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

23 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
24 on Offshore Wind Energy.

25 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
26 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
27 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
28 of the committee.

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

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

36 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
37 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
38 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
39 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.

40 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
41 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

42 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

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