

## House Resolution 1541

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Joint Music Economic Development Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the music industry in Georgia, through the creativity and effort of many talented  
3 and dedicated performers, producers, promoters, technicians, and others working in many  
4 different musical genres and styles, has entertained and given great pleasure to millions of  
5 people worldwide; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the music industry contributes substantially to the quality of life and economic  
7 welfare of citizens of this state; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in light of the above, it is highly desirable to encourage and promote the  
9 continued growth and success of the music industry in this state; and
- 10 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to examine the following aspects of the music industry  
11 in Georgia:
- 12 (1) The economic impact of the music industry in Georgia and ways to measure, expand,  
13 and promote the music economy statewide and foster integration with other creative  
14 industries including film, digital media and gaming;
- 15 (2) The current mix of music content creators in Georgia and ways to retain and attract  
16 talent while expanding music content as a net cultural export;
- 17 (3) The current state of the music and sound recording sector in Georgia and ways to  
18 support and promote that sector;
- 19 (4) The current state of music tourism including live music and performance, music  
20 festivals and music attractions and ways to support and promote that sector;
- 21 (5) The current state of music technology and entrepreneurship and explore ways to  
22 support and promote innovation and enterprise investment;
- 23 (6) The musical tour and theatrical production in Georgia and ways to develop and  
24 promote that sector of the industry;

- 25 (7) The current state of post-secondary music education opportunities in Georgia and  
26 ways to ensure a consistent, trained and reliable future workforce and alignment with  
27 private sector needs;
- 28 (8) The business side of music in Georgia, taking into account various industry clusters,  
29 and ways to strengthen and expand the business of music; and
- 30 (9) The Georgia Music Hall of Fame and its awards ceremony and ways that the  
31 institution can promote music in Georgia while providing for continued economic  
32 development.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
34 GEORGIA:

35 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Music Economic  
36 Development Study Committee.

37 (2) **Members and officers.**

38 (A) The committee shall be composed of 13 members.

39 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the  
40 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such  
41 members as cochairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also  
42 appoint an additional three members of the committee as follows: one attorney who  
43 represents clients in the entertainment/music industry, one professional touring  
44 musician, and one post-secondary educator who teaches in the field of the music  
45 business.

46 (C) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members  
47 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. The  
48 President of the Senate shall also appoint an additional three members of the committee  
49 as follows: one representative of the recording academy, one professional music  
50 producer or recording engineer, and one music festival producer or major concert  
51 promoter.

52 (D) The commissioner of economic development, or his or her designee, shall be a  
53 member of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

74 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received  
75 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
76 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
77 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate; except that  
78 funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative  
79 members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise  
80 available to their respective agencies.

81 (6) **Report.**

82 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
83 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the  
84 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
85 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

86 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for  
87 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to  
88 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

89 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
90 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
91 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed  
92 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.

93 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Clerk  
94 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate copies of the minutes  
95 of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

96 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.