

## House Resolution 1563

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Georgia's Creative Economy; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the creative economy is composed of advertising, architecture, art, crafts,  
4 culinary arts, design, fashion, film, graphic design, music, performing arts, publishing,  
5 research and development, software, toys and games, television and radio, and video game  
6 development, among others; and

7 WHEREAS, the creative economy is an economic ecosystem of for-profit and nonprofit  
8 creative industries, artists, educators, entrepreneurs, vendors, policy-makers, and funders that  
9 produce and distribute creative and artistic goods and services; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis reports the global creative  
11 economy generates over \$2 trillion annually, in the US generates over \$1 trillion annually,  
12 and in Georgia generates nearly \$29 billion annually and represents 4 percent of the state's  
13 GDP; and

14 WHEREAS, in Georgia, over 200,000 jobs have been created, and \$8 billion in wages has  
15 been generated by the creative economy; and

16 WHEREAS, financial predictions state that we will see an increase of up to 40 percent in the  
17 creative sectors of the United States economy by the year 2030, and eight million jobs will  
18 be added across the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia's creative economy not only contributes to the state's bottom line, but  
20 also draws millions of tourists each year, adds significantly to the quality of life and vitality  
21 of every community in this state, and represents the bulk of Georgia's rich cultural heritage  
22 and identity; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia's creative economy draws millions of tourists each year and adds  
24 significantly to the quality of life and vitality of every community; and

25 WHEREAS, the creative economy is now one of the largest consumers of digital services in  
26 the United States and provides good jobs for our citizens; and

27 WHEREAS, research shows that creativity and jobs in the creative sector have a significantly  
28 positive impact on mental health; and

29 WHEREAS, the creative economy can enhance economic impact around our state, including  
30 often overlooked rural areas; and

31 WHEREAS, a thriving creative economy is an essential factor in the continuation of  
32 Georgia's ranking as a top state in which to do business, but also its appeal to live and  
33 explore; and

34 WHEREAS, additional guidance and support is needed for city planners and economic  
35 development authorities across the state to adequately measure the impact of the creative  
36 economy; and

37 WHEREAS, a study of the creative economy will help with the construction of learning  
38 communities and creative clusters to help develop pathways for more access for Georgians  
39 across the state to be a part of this growing sector; and

40 WHEREAS, a study of the creative economy will lead to the creation of workforce  
41 development programs to ensure all Georgians have the necessary training so they may thrive  
42 in the creative sector; and

43 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is committed to economic growth by facilitating innovation  
44 and encouraging the success of Georgia based businesses that participate in the creative  
45 economy as well as by attracting new businesses that will provide good jobs for our citizens;  
46 and

47 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the citizens of this state to study the creative economy  
48 as it continues to grow and generate opportunity for our state and determine the best possible  
49 plan so that Georgians are prepared for this growth and the State of Georgia makes the most  
50 of the significant economic impact generated by the creative economy.

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:  
52 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
53 on Georgia's Creative Economy.  
54 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the  
55 House of Representatives consisting of the chairperson or vice chairperson of the House

56 Creative Arts and Entertainment Committee and the chairperson or vice chairperson of  
57 the House Economic Development and Tourism Committee, and the remaining members  
58 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall  
59 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

67 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive  
68 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia  
69 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any  
70 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.  
71 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
72 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

73 (6) **Report.**

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

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

81 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
82 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

83 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
84 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

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