

House Resolution 1577

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Georgia Minority Participation in the Film and
2 Television Production Industry; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in the fiscal year of 2015 alone, Georgia's feature films and television
4 production industry generated an economic impact of \$6 billion; and

5 WHEREAS, the film industry in Georgia was, in 2010, the fourth largest among the United
6 States and has continued to experience a rise in the number of large budget box office
7 productions being filmed in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to film and television productions, including the presence of
9 studios, sound stages, and broadcasting facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, with the significant size of this growing industry in Georgia, it is important to
11 encourage the inclusion of remove any barriers for minorities in participating in the film and
12 television production industry in this state.

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

14 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
15 on Georgia Minority Participation in the Film and Television Production Industry.

16 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members to be
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate
18 a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

22 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
23 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

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

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

29 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
30 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
32 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

33 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

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