

House Resolution 324

By: Representatives Houston of the 170th and Greene of the 154th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Jobs Tax Credit Tier System; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia remains the top state in which to do business in the country; and

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia jobs tax credit tier system is a vital tool for extending the state's
5 successes to its most underdeveloped and impoverished areas; and

6 WHEREAS, said tier system has proved beneficial, but periodic changes in the tier rankings
7 of the state's counties can be detrimental to certain counties; and

8 WHEREAS, there are often stark differences between unemployment rates and labor
9 participation rates, as well as how poverty is quantified; and

10 WHEREAS, study is needed to examine the criteria for and implementation of the jobs tax
11 credit tier system and determine if legislative action is warranted in this state.

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

13 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
14 on the Jobs Tax Credit Tier System.

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

16 (A) The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of
17 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as
18 follows:

19 (1) Two members who serve on the House Committee on Ways and Means;

20 (2) One member who represents a district that includes portions of any Tier 1
21 county as identified pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40;

22 (3) One member who represents a district that includes portions of any Tier 4
23 county as identified pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40; and

24 (4) Any one additional member.

25 (B) The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the
26 committee.

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

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

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

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

37 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
38 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds

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

41 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

56 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2023.