

House Resolution 567

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Workforce Innovation and Development; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia has been named the Number 1 state for business for the 9th consecutive
4 year; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia was named the Number 1 state for its workforce development program
6 for the 13th consecutive year; and

7 WHEREAS, businesses have invested billions of dollars in Georgia by establishing
8 headquarters, manufacturing facilities, distribution centers, and operations throughout the
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS, businesses present in Georgia cover a wide variety of industries, including
11 aerospace, agribusiness, arts, automotive, beverages, construction, defense, education,
12 electric mobility, electric battery, energy, film and entertainment, food processing, health,
13 insurance, life sciences, logistics and supply chain, manufacturing, media, sports, staffing
14 services, technology, transportation, and tourism; and

15 WHEREAS, innovation is crucial for businesses and individuals to succeed in today's
16 ever-evolving world by conceptualizing new products, processes, and ideas, approaching
17 products, processes, and ideas in new ways, adapting and overcoming challenges, increasing
18 efficiencies, and maximizing resources; and

19 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine what innovations different industries are
20 embracing that yield successes for the local, regional, and state economy, businesses, and
21 individuals; and

22 WHEREAS, the study of existing data and available information related to innovating the
23 workforce and workplace environment available to Georgia's growing economy can be
24 instructive for any needed revisions to laws in this state.

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

26 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
27 on Workforce Innovation and Development.

28 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the
29 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
30 including the chairpersons of the House Committees on Education, Higher Education,
31 Industry and Labor, and Technology and Infrastructure Innovation. The Speaker shall
32 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

46 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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