

House Resolution 798

By: Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Gravley of the 67th, Powell of the 32nd, Lim of the 99th, and Jackson of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee for Cannabis Waste Disposal and Recycling; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the use of products related to the Cannabis sativa L. plant, including, but not
4 limited to, hemp, CBD oil and products, medical products, and various derivatives, extracts,
5 cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers related to the plant have been and are
6 expected to continue increasing in prevalence of use; and

7 WHEREAS, the process of manufacturing such products can create considerable volumes
8 of waste, which can cause complications to traditional waste disposal, but which if captured
9 and treated properly has been found to be valuable and reusable for other purposes; and

10 WHEREAS, other states and private industry are already exploring the uses and value of
11 waste from Cannabis sativa L. products, including for uses in producing renewable energy,
12 manufacturing, and composting.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA:

15 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee for
16 Cannabis Waste Disposal and Recycling.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of ten members as
18 follows:

19 (A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the
20 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
21 members as cochairperson; and

22 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint five members of the Senate as members
23 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

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

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

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

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

34 (B) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
35 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
36 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
37 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate; except that
38 funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative
39 members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise
40 available to their respective agencies.

41 (6) **Report.**

42 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
43 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons 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 cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
48 subparagraph (C) 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 cochairpersons of the committee and filed
52 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.

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

56 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2022.