

Senate Resolution 175

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Dugan of the 30th, Kennedy of the 18th and others

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Dual Enrollment for Highly Skilled Talent at
2 Younger Ages; creating the Joint Study Committee on Service Delivery Strategy; and for
3 other purposes.

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 WHEREAS, Georgia remains the number one state in which to do business according to
6 economic development experts; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia attracts additional investment in jobs from a strong existing employer
8 base; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia attracts new investment in jobs from employers worldwide who wish
10 to locate here; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia employers in multiple sectors, including healthcare, manufacturing,
12 construction, automotive, aviation, technology, software, and public safety, among others,
13 have large and immediate needs for more highly skilled talent; and

14 WHEREAS, recent economic development data clearly show that postsecondary graduates
15 with technical college certificates and technical college associate degrees are not sufficient
16 to meet the demands of Georgia employers for highly skilled talent; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgians depend on the creation of more highly skilled talent to continue to
18 attract the investments that yield a higher quality of life for all Georgians; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia has creatively used its flexibility to add dual enrollment programs to
20 workforce development systems and has begun to develop more highly skilled talent at
21 younger ages; and

22 WHEREAS, among the dual enrollment opportunities available to Georgia high school
23 students, Georgia allows a high school student to graduate by completing an accelerated
24 career dual enrollment program, which requires completion of two years of high school
25 academic courses and the completion of an associate degree, a technical college diploma, or
26 two technical college certificates; and

27 WHEREAS, during their sophomore, junior, and senior years, students pursuing an
28 accelerated career dual enrollment program may work for a local employer and may then be
29 hired by that employer upon graduation; and

30 WHEREAS, dual enrolled high school students show higher rates of secondary and
31 postsecondary completion, and those dual enrolled in high demand career fields of study can
32 earn higher wages at younger ages; and

33 WHEREAS, Georgia is well-served to ensure that all students, especially those who are
34 economically disadvantaged, are accessing these opportunities while in high school; and

35 WHEREAS, multiple Georgia schools and school systems, including college and career
36 academies, have been working with local employers and technical colleges to create
37 accelerated career dual enrollment program opportunities and to create more federally
38 registered apprenticeships; and

39 WHEREAS, the aforesaid districts and college and career academies have identified
40 challenges and obstacles in building accelerated career dual enrollment programs and
41 apprenticeships, including issues related to reaching and recruiting students and their families
42 to consider Georgia's accelerated career dual enrollment program opportunities and issues
43 related to funding, scheduling, counseling, and required courses; and

44 WHEREAS, a study would be beneficial to examine Georgia's existing dual enrollment
45 opportunities to develop highly skilled talent at younger ages and to identify potential
46 solutions that will yield more dual enrollment for highly skilled talent at younger ages at the
47 request of students, families, communities, and employers.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

49 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
50 Dual Enrollment for Highly Skilled Talent at Younger Ages.

51 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 16 members as
52 follows:

53 (A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

54 (i) Four members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and
55 shall designate one such member as cochairperson; and

56 (ii) One Georgia employer who has workforce challenges;

57 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

- 58 (i) Four members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall designate one
59 such member as cochairperson; and
- 60 (ii) One Georgia employer who has workforce challenges;
- 61 (C) The Governor shall appoint one Georgia employer who has workforce challenges;
- 62 (D) The State School Superintendent or his or her designee;
- 63 (E) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee;
- 64 (F) The commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia or his or her
65 designee;
- 66 (G) The president of the Georgia Student Finance Commission or his or her designee;
67 and
- 68 (H) The commissioner of economic development or his or her designee.
- 69 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
70 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
71 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
- 72 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
73 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
74 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
75 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
- 76 (5) **Allowances and funding.**
- 77 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
78 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
- 79 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
80 or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the
81 committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the
82 performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they
83 are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

84 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
85 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
86 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
87 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
88 employees.

89 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
90 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
91 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
92 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and Senate; except that funds
93 for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members,
94 and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to
95 their respective agencies.

96 **(6) Report.**

97 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
98 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
99 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
100 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

101 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
102 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
103 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

104 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
105 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
106 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
107 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.

108 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Clerk
109 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes
110 of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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

112 **SECTION 2.**

113 WHEREAS, the service delivery strategy (SDS) is an important local government service
114 allocation mechanism for counties and cities; and

115 WHEREAS, SDS agreements require periodic renegotiations; and

116 WHEREAS, these renegotiations are often contentious and pit counties and cities against one
117 another, which is harmful to their residents; and

118 WHEREAS, these difficulties are frequently documented in the media, providing evidence
119 of the disagreement between counties and cities; and

120 WHEREAS, dozens of counties and cities went to mediation during the 2022 renegotiations
121 in an effort to resolve their differences; and

122 WHEREAS, revisions are needed to address SDS and those funding options intrinsically
123 associated with SDS which require negotiations between local governments to help resolve
124 these issues when counties and cities are at an impasse; and

125 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the General Assembly to examine these issues and
126 provide additional guidance to local governments on how to resolve SDS disputes in the
127 future.

128 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
129 GEORGIA:

- 130 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
131 Service Delivery Strategy.
- 132 (2) **Members and officers.**
- 133 (A) The committee shall be composed of ten members.
- 134 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint:
- 135 (i) Three members of the Senate, which shall include the chairperson of the Senate
136 State and Local Governmental Operations Committee, and shall designate one such
137 member as cochairperson of the committee;
- 138 (ii) A serving county commissioner from a county currently levying a local option
139 sales tax (LOST); and
- 140 (iii) A mayor of a city within a county currently levying a LOST.
- 141 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:
- 142 (i) Three members of the House of Representatives, which shall include the
143 chairperson of the House Committee on Governmental Affairs, and shall designate one
144 such member as cochairperson of the committee;
- 145 (ii) A serving county commissioner from a county currently levying a LOST; and
- 146 (iii) A mayor of a city within a county currently levying a LOST.
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148 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
149 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
- 150 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
151 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
152 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
153 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
- 154 (5) **Committee assistance.** Officials and staff of the Association County Commissioners
155 of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association, as well as affected local government

156 officials and staff, are requested and encouraged to assist the committee in performing its
157 duties and accomplishing the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

158 **(6) Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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160 in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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