

Senate Resolution 230

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd, Sims of the 12th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Minority Business Participation in State Contracts;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this state to provide minority business owners equal
4 opportunity to participate in all aspects of the state's contracting and purchasing programs,
5 including but not limited to participation in procurement contracts for materials, supplies,
6 services, equipment, and construction; and

7 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this state, its boards, departments, commissions, authorities,
8 and other agencies, with the assistance of minority groups and agencies, to actively
9 encourage qualified minority business enterprises and to offer them the opportunity to
10 participate in the state's contracting and purchasing programs; and

11 WHEREAS, a study is needed to research and evaluate the procurement and contracting
12 policies, practices, and goals of state departments, boards, commissions, authorities, and
13 other agencies with regard to minority business participation in state issued contracts; and

14 WHEREAS, a study is needed to evaluate whether state departments, boards, commissions,
15 authorities, and other agencies are acting cooperatively and in good faith to do all things
16 legal, proper, and reasonable to encourage and achieve maximum minority business
17 participation in the state procurement system.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 GEORGIA:

20 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
21 Minority Business Participation in State Contracts.

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

23 (A) The committee shall be composed of 12 members.

24 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint six members of the Senate as members
25 of the committee, at least two of which shall be members of the minority caucus, and
26 shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

27 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint six members of the
28 House of Representatives as members of the committee, at least two of which shall be
29 members of the minority caucus, and shall designate one of such members as
30 cochairperson.

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

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

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

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

41 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
42 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
43 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
44 appropriated to the Senate and House of Representatives.

45 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

60 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.