

Senate Resolution 275

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ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Expanding Georgia's Workforce; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly strives to foster a robust workforce and thriving
4 business environment in this state; and

5 WHEREAS, it is in the state's best interest to examine its current practices, pilot programs,
6 and public-private partnerships and initiatives regarding workforce development across
7 Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, it is important to develop a modern and experienced workforce and a flexible
9 labor market, both of which are critical to growing and sustaining Georgia's business
10 environment.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

12 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
13 on Expanding Georgia's Workforce.

14 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 11 members to be
15 appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

- 16 (A) Five members of the Senate;
- 17 (B) A chief executive officer or other senior executive of a large business;
- 18 (C) A chief executive officer or other senior executive of a medium business;
- 19 (D) A chief executive officer or other senior executive of a small business;
- 20 (E) The commissioner or a senior executive of the Technical College System of Georgia;
- 21 (F) An executive of the Metro Atlanta Chamber; and
- 22 (G) An executive of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

23 The President of the Senate shall designate a legislative member of the committee as
24 chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

35 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
36 or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their service on the
37 committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the
38 performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they
39 are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

40 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
41 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
42 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia

43 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
44 employees.

45 (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
46 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
47 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
48 appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of expenses of state
49 officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of expenses of state
50 employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their
51 respective agencies.

52 **(6) Report.**

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

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

60 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
61 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
62 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
63 the Secretary of the Senate.

64 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary of
65 the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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