

Senate Resolution 618

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Public Transportation in the Metropolitan Atlanta
2 Region; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, reliable and timely transportation in the metropolitan Atlanta region is of
4 primary importance to the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, efficient access to job centers, residential areas, recreation areas, and health care
6 facilities has a tremendous impact on the lives and well-being of the residents of this state;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the current makeup of public transportation in
9 the metropolitan Atlanta region and look for workable solutions to the gridlock that often
10 brings metropolitan region drivers to a standstill. The metropolitan Atlanta area needs to
11 solve its mobility meltdown in order to achieve a better quality of life throughout the region
12 for its citizens and businesses.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
14 Study Committee on Public Transportation in the Metropolitan Atlanta Region to be
15 composed of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The
16 President of the Senate shall designate a chairperson from among the appointees. The
17 committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of issues
19 surrounding the transportation gridlock in the metropolitan Atlanta region. The committee
20 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
23 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
24 committees from the funds appropriated to the Senate but shall receive the same for not more

25 than five days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a
26 report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any,
27 such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2013. The committee shall stand
28 abolished on December 31, 2013.