

Senate Resolution 741

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ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Creation of a Georgia Cybersecurity Force; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this state's increasing dependence on technology to power critical infrastructure
4 exposes crucial vulnerabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, cybercrime is a constantly evolving threat to businesses and consumers, with
6 criminals using fast-changing and increasingly sophisticated methods to attack critical
7 information; and

8 WHEREAS, the cyberthreat continues to grow, disrupting computer information networks,
9 gaining unauthorized access to systems, and accessing personal data, such as credit card
10 information, and represents one of the most significant challenges facing citizens of this state
11 today; and

12 WHEREAS, cybersecurity awareness, education, workforce structure, and training are
13 fundamental to protect the individual, as well as developing a means to create solutions and
14 embed sound cybersecurity behaviors into today's culture; and

15 WHEREAS, more than 120 cybersecurity companies call Georgia home and generate over
16 \$4.7 billion in revenue annually, comprising nearly 25 percent of the global security market;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the frequency and sophistication of cyberattacks has resulted in the expected
19 number of information security analyst jobs to increase by 37 percent from 2012 to 2022,
20 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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

22 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
23 on the Creation of a Georgia Cybersecurity Force.

24 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
25 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall
26 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

27 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
28 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
29 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall
30 be authorized to request the assistance of the Georgia Department of Defense, the
31 Georgia Bureau of Investigation, or other similar experts in the area to assist the
32 committee in its study.

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

37 (5) **Allowance and funding.**

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

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

44 (6) **Report.**

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

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

52 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
53 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
54 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
55 the Secretary of the Senate. Any member of the committee may file a minority report
56 that shall accompany the majority report.

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

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