

Senate Resolution 820

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ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Entrepreneur in Residence Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, entrepreneurs are responsible for the creation of thousands of jobs in our
3 economy and are viewed as a key to the economic recovery of Georgia and the nation; and
- 4 WHEREAS, entrepreneurs can face many obstacles that must be overcome in order to
5 succeed, such as access to capital and access to markets; however, one of the biggest
6 obstacles to the success of entrepreneurs can be government itself; and
- 7 WHEREAS, although entrepreneurs can create a product or service that will take off if they
8 can get it to market, they find complying with government requirements to be a daunting
9 process; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the entrepreneur in residence program focuses attention on making sure that
11 government is not an impediment to the success of entrepreneurs; and
- 12 WHEREAS, an entrepreneur in residence program would seek to streamline that process by
13 placing experienced entrepreneurs in government for limited periods of time to help identify
14 and resolve problem areas slowing down entrepreneurs from creating jobs and bringing new
15 products to market; and
- 16 WHEREAS, an entrepreneur in residence would be an entrepreneur who has successfully
17 started and operated a small business and who appreciates the fact that even with the best
18 business idea one cannot bring his or her idea to market without complying with certain
19 government requirements; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the entrepreneur in residence program would have two objectives:
21 (1) To identify within government inefficient and overlapping programs that negatively

22 impact entrepreneurs trying to start or expand a business, and to recommend solutions;
23 and
24 (2) To serve as a visible advocate and mentor for entrepreneurs within government, a
25 point of contact who knows and understands their needs, concerns, and frustrations with
26 regard to dealing with government; and

27 WHEREAS, an entrepreneur in residence would:

28 (1) Assist in providing outreach to entrepreneurs and small businesses;
29 (2) Provide recommendations on ways to streamline and improve government
30 procedures impacting entrepreneurs;
31 (3) Recommend ways to improve programs available to entrepreneurs;
32 (4) Facilitate meetings and forums to educate entrepreneurs on programs and
33 requirements;
34 (5) Provide technical assistance or guidance to entrepreneurs in navigating government
35 programs and requirements; and
36 (6) Participate in informal working groups of entrepreneurs in residence from various
37 agencies established to discuss best practices, experiences, obstacles, opportunities, and
38 recommendations; and

39 WHEREAS, the entrepreneur in residence program is a simple and powerful way of bringing
40 into government the types of individuals who have been successful in starting a new business
41 and who can help make support entrepreneurs by making it easier for them to deal with
42 government.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
44 Entrepreneur in Residence Study Committee to be composed of six members. The President
45 of the Senate shall appoint the chairperson and three members. The chairpersons of the
46 Senate Economic Development Committee and the Science and Technology Committee shall
47 serve as members ex officio. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
49 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
50 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
51 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
52 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
53 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
54 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative

55 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless an additional two
56 days are authorized by the President of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the
57 provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the
58 event that the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations for proposed
59 legislation, such report shall be made no later than December 31, 2014. The committee shall
60 stand abolished on December 31, 2014.