

House Resolution 849

By: Representatives Channell of the 111th, Parrish of the 144th, Stephens of the 150th,
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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Tourism Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, tourism has a significant impact on the economy of the State of Georgia; and
- 3 WHEREAS, comprehensive study should be undertaken to assist the General Assembly in
4 evaluating matters relating to tourism in Georgia and the promotion of tourism, conventions,
5 and trade shows.
- 6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 there is created the House Tourism Study Committee, to be composed of five members of
8 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
9 Speaker of the House shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the
10 committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be charged with examining:
- 12 (1) Other states' plans for sustainable tourism advertising funding commensurate with
13 the states' tourism employment and impact on the states' economy;
- 14 (2) The comparative history of tourism funding over the past decade as a percentage of
15 the state's budget;
- 16 (3) Revenues generated in state and local taxes as a result of tourism activity and the
17 overall economic impact of tourism on Georgia's economy;
- 18 (4) The feasibility of utilizing the four digit SIC codes as a tracking instrument for
19 tourism related spending patterns as a component of tourism;
- 20 (5) The expenditures of hotel/motel tax moneys for the purpose of promoting tourism,
21 conventions, and trade shows including such expenditures in support of special events of
22 national or international significance;
- 23 (6) The budgets, audits, and reports including all such items filed with the Department
24 of Community Affairs as contemplated and required by paragraph (10) of subsection (a)

1 of Code Section 48-13-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, including the
2 accuracy of such audits and reports;

3 (7) The expenditure by the Department of Industry, Trade, and Tourism for the last three
4 years of all funds for the promotion of tourism, conventions, and trade shows including
5 performance audits of all types covering the expenditure of such funds by the Department
6 of Industry, Trade, and Tourism;

7 (8) The use of hotel/motel tax funds by local convention and visitors bureaus including
8 an analysis of at least one small, one medium, and one large convention and visitors
9 bureau; and

10 (9) Any other matter dealing with tourism in Georgia.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
12 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
13 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
14 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
15 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
16 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
17 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
18 Georgia Annotated, but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional
19 days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall
20 come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the
21 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
22 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2002. The
23 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2002.