

House Resolution 984

By: Representative Ashe of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Telework Study Commission; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the growth and strain on current road systems in the metropolitan Atlanta area
3 have resulted in an average one-way commute time of 36 minutes; and

4 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Georgia to encourage alternative methods to
5 reduce traffic congestion while maintaining productivity; and

6 WHEREAS, teleworking is a viable means to reduce the number of automobiles on
7 Georgia's congested roads; and

8 WHEREAS, teleworking also may encourage economic development in rural areas.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 GEORGIA that there is created the Telework Study Commission to be composed of seven
11 members. The chairperson of the House Committee on Transportation shall appoint one
12 member; the chairperson of the Senate Transportation Committee shall appoint one member;
13 the executive director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority shall appoint one
14 member; the chairperson of the Georgia Clean Air Campaign shall appoint one member; and
15 the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural
16 Resources shall appoint one member. The members of the commission shall elect one of
17 their members to serve as chairperson. All commission members shall be appointed no later
18 than May 1, 2002.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall undertake a study of the
20 conditions, need, issues, and problems of traffic congestion in the metropolitan area and how
21 teleworking may alleviate such congestion and may recommend any actions or legislation
22 which the commission deems appropriate. The commission shall examine the effect of

1 teleworking on traffic and worker productivity and any incentives that may encourage greater
2 participation in teleworking.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson.
4 The commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
5 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
6 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. Legislative members
7 of the commission shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the
8 O.C.G.A., and nonlegislative members of the commission who are not state officials or
9 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b)
10 of Code Section 45-7-21 of the O.C.G.A., but all such members shall receive the allowances
11 for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Members of the
12 commission who are state officials or employees, other than legislative members, shall
13 receive no compensation for their service on the commission but may be reimbursed for
14 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the commission.
15 The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials or employees,
16 other than legislative members, shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available
17 to their respective departments. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
18 resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the
19 Senate. The commission shall make a report of its findings and recommendations, with
20 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, on or before September 30, 2002, on which date
21 the commission shall stand abolished.