

House Resolution 1039

By: Representatives Floyd of the 138th, Coleman of the 142nd, Greene of the 158th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Purcell of the 147th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Joint Construction Codes Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the design, construction, and development process is vital to the economy of
3 the State of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, construction codes and standards, which regulate the building industry, ensure
5 that our buildings and infrastructure are structurally safe and sound, which is essential to the
6 health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the current system for administering construction codes by multiple government
8 agencies with varying rules and regulations may delay approval and construction due to
9 conflicting interpretation of codes; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the current practice creates confusion and delays in the delivery of inspection
11 services to the citizens and building owners of the State of Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, construction and fire codes, and potential amendments, should be developed in
13 a process that allows decisions to be made by a single committee of experts after public
14 review and comment; and
- 15 WHEREAS, providing training and education for all code officials is vital to obtain
16 consistency in administering, interpreting, and enforcing construction codes in Georgia; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a group of stakeholders representing the code enforcement community, the
18 design community, and the construction community have come together to address these
19 issues for the betterment of Georgia.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Construction Codes Study Committee to be

1 composed of three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
2 one of whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives, one member to be
3 appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate, three
4 members to be appointed by the Governor, the Fire Safety Commissioner or his or her
5 designee, the commissioner of community affairs or his or her designee, the Commissioner
6 of Labor or his or her designee, and the chairperson of the Budgetary Responsibility
7 Oversight Committee. The nonlegislative members of the committee shall represent the
8 architecture, engineering, and commercial building professions, cities, counties, and
9 multi-family project developers. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
10 designate a member of the House and the President of the Senate shall designate a member
11 of the Senate who shall serve as cochairpersons of the committee. The committee shall meet
12 at the call of the cochairpersons.

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