

ADOPTED SENATE

1 Senator Brush of the 24th offered the following amendment:

2 Amend HB 1096 by adding after the period on line 4 of page 1 the following:

3 "creating the I-20 Corridor Regional Airport Study Commission;"

4 By adding after line 11 of page 12 the following:

5 "Section 2

6 WHEREAS, general aviation is an integral part of a regional economic development
7 program; and

8 WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, more and more business executives are relying on
9 general aviation rather than commercial aviation; and

10 WHEREAS, the East Georgia area of the state competes not only with the Atlanta
11 metropolitan area and the rest of Georgia for economic development opportunities, but must
12 also compete with nearby South Carolina and the comprehensive economic development
13 incentives offered by that state; and

14 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the necessary infrastructure be in place in the region that
15 will make the region attractive to new business ventures as well as encourage the expansion
16 of existing businesses; and

17 WHEREAS, economic development in this region of the state should rightly be given a high
18 priority due to the fact that it is comprised of a high percentage of Tier One counties and
19 suffers from a high unemployment rate; and

20 WHEREAS, with general aviation facilities being such an important element in economic
21 development, it is important that the East Georgia area evaluates its general aviation facilities
22 and prepares a plan to address any deficiencies that exist and to take advantage of any
23 opportunities that will enhance general aviation in the region.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that there is created the I-20
25 Corridor Regional Airport Study Commission to be composed of three members to be
26 appointed by the governing authority of McDuffie County, two members to be appointed of
27 the City of Thomson, and two members which may be appointed by each of the governing

1 authorities of the Counties of Greene, Taliaferro, Wilkes, Lincoln, Warren, and Columbia
2 if they elect to participate. The members of the commission at their first meeting shall select
3 one of the members of the commission to serve as chairperson and another member to serve
4 as vice chairperson. The commission may appoint such other offices or positions from
5 among its members as it deems necessary. The commission shall meet at the call of the
6 chairperson.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall be authorized to conduct a study
8 which will inventory existing general aviation airport facilities in the I-20 Corridor between
9 Lake Oconee and Clarks Hill Lake, including the Counties of Greene, Taliaferro, Wilkes,
10 Lincoln, Warren, McDuffie, and Columbia. The study shall analyze the capacity of such
11 existing general aviation facilities to provide the services necessary to retain and attract
12 business to this region and shall make recommendations to the General Assembly on any
13 improvements that would make the general aviation infrastructure in this growth corridor
14 more attractive to economic development prospects.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission may conduct such meetings at such
16 places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully
17 and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes
18 of this resolution. In the event the commission makes a report of its findings and
19 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
20 made on or before December 31, 2002. The commission shall stand abolished on December
21 31, 2002."