

House Resolution 1105 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Construction Codes Study Committee; Creating the Joint Study Committee
2 on Jekyll Island; and the Joint Study committee on Early Childhood Education; and for other
3 purposes.

4 **Part I**

5 WHEREAS, the design, construction, and development process is vital to the economy of the
6 State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, construction codes and standards, which regulate the building industry, ensure
8 that our buildings and infrastructure are structurally safe and sound, which is essential to the
9 health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the current system for administering construction codes by multiple government
11 agencies with varying rules and regulations may delay approval and construction due to
12 conflicting interpretation of codes; and

13 WHEREAS, the current practice creates confusion and delays in the delivery of inspection
14 services to the citizens and building owners of the State of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, construction and fire codes, and potential amendments, should be developed in
16 a process that allows decisions to be made by a single committee of experts after public
17 review and comment; and

18 WHEREAS, providing training and education for all code officials is vital to obtain
19 consistency in administering, interpreting, and enforcing construction codes in Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, a group of stakeholders representing the code enforcement community, the
2 design community, and the construction community have come together to address these
3 issues for the betterment of Georgia.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA
5 that there is created the Joint Construction Codes Study Committee to be composed of four
6 members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall
7 be a member of the House of Representatives, four members to be appointed by the President
8 of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate, four members to be appointed
9 by the Governor, the Fire Safety Commissioner or his or her designee, the commissioner of
10 community affairs or his or her designee, the Commissioner of Labor or his or her designee,
11 and the chairperson of the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee. The nonlegislative
12 members of the committee shall represent the interests of architecture, engineering, energy
13 efficiency, commercial building, residential building, organized construction labor, cities,
14 counties, interior design, and multi-family project developers. The Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives shall designate a member of the House and the President of the Senate shall
16 designate a member of the Senate who shall serve as cochairpersons of the committee. The
17 committee shall meet at the call of the cochairpersons.

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

31 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is created the Joint Study Committee on
32 Jekyll Island to be composed of six members, consisting of three members of the House of
33 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and three
34 members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives shall designate one of the two members of the House and the
2 President of the Senate shall designate one of the two members of the Senate who shall serve
3 as cochairpersons of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the
4 cochairpersons.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
6 needs, issues, and problems related to the future development of Jekyll Island. The committee
7 may conduct such meetings as deemed necessary. The legislative members of the committee
8 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
9 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
10 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from
11 funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and Senate. Any report of the committee
12 shall be made on or before December 31, 2002. The committee shall stand abolished on
13 December 31, 2002.

14 **Part II**

15 WHEREAS, Georgians are concerned about the viability and strength of the early childhood
16 education delivery system that is critical for working families and especially for the transition
17 from welfare to work; and

18 WHEREAS, this system is an important source of over 30,000 jobs for young people; and

19 WHEREAS, recently published neurological and educational research shows the vital
20 importance of proper development in the first four years of a child's life to future school
21 success; and

22 WHEREAS, this system is the critical first element of the seamless, lifelong learning path that
23 legislators are working toward; and

24 WHEREAS, coordination with this system is necessary for the smooth transition of young
25 children into grade school; and

26 WHEREAS, no study in Georgia has ever been conducted to ensure that the state has a
27 streamlined organization in place to promote and sustain such a system; and

1 WHEREAS, a need exists to explore the innovative programs other states have developed to
2 nurture and promote growth and quality in their early childhood education delivery systems;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, employers consider this system to be of paramount importance.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 there is created the Joint Study Committee on Early Childhood Education to be composed of
7 12 members as follows: three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives; three members appointed by the Lt. Governor; three members appointed by
9 the Governor; and one representative from each of the following organizations: the Georgia
10 Child Care Council, the Georgia Early Learning Initiative Board, and the Georgia Child Care
11 Leadership Forum. The Governor shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
12 of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the importance
14 of early childhood education in Georgia's future and any and all issues related to its success.
15 Such issues include the impact of this system on families, employers, welfare reform, pre-k
16 programs, and the future education of children; funding concerns; general management and
17 oversight issues related to creating the most efficient and effective model to manage and
18 stimulate this system; and innovative programs from other states.

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