

Senate Resolution 273

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A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing the Senate Commission on Georgia State Government Cost Control and the
2 Senate Private Sector Advisory Committee on Georgia State Government Cost Control; and
3 for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

SECTION 1.

6 (a) There is established the Senate Commission on Georgia State Government Cost Control.
7 The commission shall consist of nine members as follows:

8 (1) The director of the Office of Planning and Budget or his or her designee;

9 (2) The commissioner of administrative services or his or her designee;

10 (3) The inspector general or his or her designee;

11 (4) The state auditor or his or her designee; and

12 (5) Five members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments, one
13 of whom shall be designated by the Senate Committee on Assignments as the chairperson
14 of the commission. The legislative members shall serve for terms of office concurrent with
15 their terms as members of the Senate.

16 (b) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation except that members of
17 the Senate serving on the commission may receive expense reimbursement from legislative
18 funds in the same manner as for service on legislative committees.

SECTION 2.

20 Every agency and department of state government is requested to provide assistance and
21 cooperation to the commission in the performance of its duties.

SECTION 3.

23 The general purpose of the commission shall be to develop plans for coordinated state
24 government-wide activities that attack fraud and waste and promote economy and efficiency
25 in government programs and operations. The commission may itself undertake such activities

1 and shall also seek to receive such plans through the activities of the Senate Private Sector
2 Advisory Committee on Georgia State Government Cost Control.

3 **SECTION 4.**

4 The commission shall exist for an indefinite period of time until dissolved by further
5 resolution of the Senate.

6 **SECTION 5.**

7 (a) The commission shall establish the Senate Private Sector Advisory Committee on
8 Georgia State Government Cost Control. The commission shall establish the number and
9 method of selection of the members of the advisory committee and its officers. All members
10 of the advisory committee shall be private citizens or members of the business community
11 and shall not be public employees or the holders of public office.

12 (b) The advisory committee shall conduct a review of the operations of state government and
13 develop proposals for the control of costs in state government. Without limiting the
14 generality of the foregoing, the advisory committee shall consider providing
15 recommendations in the following areas:

16 (1) Opportunities for increased efficiency and reduced costs in state government that can
17 be realized by executive action or legislation;

18 (2) Areas where managerial accountability can be enhanced and administrative control can
19 be improved;

20 (3) Opportunities for long-term and short-term managerial improvements;

21 (4) Specific areas where further study can be justified by potential savings; and

22 (5) Information and data relating to governmental expenditures, indebtedness, and
23 personnel management.

24 (c) All agencies and departments of state government are requested to provide to the
25 advisory committee to the maximum extent permitted by law such information as may be
26 requested by the advisory committee for purposes of its functions.

27 (d) Members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation. The advisory
28 committee is to be funded, staffed, and equipped, to the extent practicable and permitted by
29 law, by the private sector without cost to state government. To accomplish this objective it
30 is expected that the commission will engage in a joint project with one or more nonprofit
31 organizations for the purpose of providing staff support to the advisory committee.

32 (e) The advisory committee shall function for such period of time as shall be specified, or
33 from time to time extended, by the commission. The advisory committee shall periodically
34 report to the commission as agreed by the commission and the advisory committee.