

Senate Resolution 754

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Stephens of the 51st and Johnson of the 1st

ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

1 Urging departments and agencies of the State of Georgia to engage the services of
2 independent consulting firms to monitor and assist in preparing requests for proposals for
3 certain information technology projects and contracts; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of state government are continually modernizing
5 and upgrading information technology and computer equipment to ensure the provision of
6 the best possible service to the citizens of this state; and

7 WHEREAS, many information technology contracts are highly complex and should be
8 entered only after the state is fully informed concerning all aspects of the technology, the
9 abilities of the vendor, and the results to be achieved from the contracts; and

10 WHEREAS, the services of a consulting firm to act as a third-party monitor and to
11 independently verify and validate large information technology projects can be of valuable
12 benefit to the state in ensuring that the best possible results are achieved from such projects.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body strongly
14 encourages each state department and agency to seek and engage the services of a consulting
15 firm to act as a third-party monitor to verify independently and validate information
16 technology projects having a total value of \$5 million or more, and that projects having a
17 total value of between \$1 million and \$5 million should also be subjected to independent
18 verification and validation either by the Georgia Technology Authority or an independent
19 consulting firm to look out for the interests of the state and to ensure that large scale project
20 vendors are fulfilling all of their contractual obligations.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body strongly recommends that the state utilize the
22 services of an independent consulting firm to assist in preparing requests for proposals and
23 procurement project management assistance for any information technology contract totaling
24 \$5 million or more entered into by any department, authority, agency, or commission.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to transmit an
- 2 appropriate copy of this resolution to each department and agency of state government.