

House Resolution 1604

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating a House Study Committee on the Impact of the International Outsourcing of Jobs
- 2 on Georgia's Small Businesses; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, American corporations are increasingly looking overseas for cheap labor and
- 4 higher profits;

- 5 WHEREAS, the apparently irreversible trend of sending American jobs overseas has had a
- 6 significant impact on American businesses;

- 7 WHEREAS, an often overlooked reality of outsourcing American jobs overseas is that the
- 8 practice affects not only large businesses but also small ones; and

- 9 WHEREAS, because certain regions rely more on the information technology industry than
- 10 others, those regions of the United States that have the greatest investment in information
- 11 technology will feel the effects of outsourcing most; and

- 12 WHEREAS, as Georgia is one of the nation's largest information technology job markets and
- 13 a significant percentage of this industry is made up of small businesses, it is important that
- 14 policies are developed to protect Georgia's small businesses from the effects of international
- 15 job outsourcing.

- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 17 there is created the House Study Committee on the Impact of International Outsourcing of
- 18 Jobs on Georgia's Small Businesses to be composed of seven members of the House of
- 19 Representatives, of whom four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 20 Representatives and three members by the House Minority Leader. The Speaker of the
- 21 House of Representatives shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the
- 22 committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the impact of
2 international job outsourcing on Georgia's small businesses. The committee may make
3 recommendations for changes in legislation and in the event the committee makes such
4 recommendations, the committee shall provide copies of proposed legislation to be prepared
5 by the Office of Legislative Counsel.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
7 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
8 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
9 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
10 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
11 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
12 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
13 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
14 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
15 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
16 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
17 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
18 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008, at which time the committee shall
19 stand abolished.