

House Resolution 426

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Procurement Policies of Georgia Departments and
2 Agencies Regarding Businesses Owned by Minorities and Women; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, with the recent downturn in the economy, it is even more important for
4 departments, agencies, institutions, commissions, boards, and authorities to ensure that
5 businesses owned by minorities and women are receiving a proportional amount of contract
6 awards and participation; and

7 WHEREAS, there has been no recent study of whether Georgia's state agencies are properly
8 considering businesses owned by minorities and women when issuing contracts; and

9 WHEREAS, a number of states have undertaken studies to evaluate the proper methodology
10 needed to ensure the proportional participation of businesses owned by minorities and
11 women in state government contracts; and

12 WHEREAS, there has been no recent formal study of whether legislation in this area would
13 be beneficial to the State of Georgia and its citizens.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 there is created the House Study Committee on Procurement Policies of Georgia
16 Departments and Agencies Regarding Businesses Owned by Minorities and Women to be
17 composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
18 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select
19 one of the members appointed as the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall
20 call all meetings of the committee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee members shall each appoint two members
22 to an advisory committee. All members of the advisory committee shall be citizens of

23 Georgia with experience in this area as vendors, suppliers, service providers, or advocates
24 for businesses owned by minorities or women.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee and its advisory committee shall
26 undertake a study of the conditions, needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and
27 recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
28 The committee and its advisory committee may conduct such meetings at such places and
29 at such times as they may deem necessary or convenient to enable the committee to exercise
30 fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and
31 purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee and the advisory committee shall
32 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
33 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
34 member of the committee or advisory committee for more than five days unless additional
35 days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall
36 come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the
37 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
38 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before the convening of the 2012
39 session of the General Assembly, at which time the committee and its advisory committee
40 shall stand abolished.