

House Resolution 360

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Select Committee on Budget Dependence on Federal Funding; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, dependence on federal funding can adversely affect the state budget, if the
4 source of federal funding is lessened or eliminated; and

5 WHEREAS, identifying the areas and amounts of federal funds used to assist in balancing
6 the budget of the State of Georgia is essential before a plan to offset the effects of a decrease
7 or elimination of federal funding occurs; and

8 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the most effective way to manage the state
9 budget and develop a plan for Georgia in the event of a loss of significant amounts of federal
10 funds.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that there is
12 created the Joint Select Committee on Budget Dependence on Federal Funding to be
13 composed of 15 members as follows:

14 (1) Four members of the Senate, including members from different political parties,
15 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor based on seniority;

16 (2) Four members of the House of Representatives, including members from different
17 political parties, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives based on
18 seniority;

19 (3) A representative of a nonprofit or charitable organization appointed by the Governor;

20 (4) A representative of an advocacy organization focused on state and federal fiscal
21 matters appointed by the Governor;

22 (5) A representative of the House Budget Office appointed by the Speaker of the House
23 of Representatives;

24 (6) A representative of the Senate Budget Office appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

- 25 (7) A representative of the Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services appointed by the
26 Governor;
- 27 (8) The chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee; and
- 28 (9) The chairperson of the House Appropriations Committee.
- 29 The President of the Senate shall designate a cochairperson from among the Senate
30 appointees, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a
31 cochairperson from among the House appointees. The committee shall meet at the call of
32 the cochairpersons.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a comprehensive study
34 of the percentage of the state budget that is funded by federal money, and the effects on the
35 state budget if federal fiscal policy necessitates a significant reduction in or elimination of
36 federal funding for state governments. The committee shall create a plan to address the loss
37 of federal money, including federal Medicaid matching money and federal social security
38 payments, and maintain benefit programs and other essential state services if federal fiscal
39 policy necessitates a significant reduction in or elimination of federal funding for state
40 governments. The committee shall also include in its final report any recommendations for
41 changes to state law. The committee may conduct its meetings at such places and at such
42 times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively
43 its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
44 The members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative
45 members of interim legislative committees from the funds appropriated to the Senate and
46 House of Representatives but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless
47 additional days are authorized. The committee is directed to make a report of its findings and
48 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, not later than
49 December 1, 2013. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2013.