

House Resolution 528

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Joint Georgia Music Industry Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia's music industry comprises a multicultural and award-winning talent
3 base, an infrastructure of recording and production facilities, live music venues of all
4 capacities, signature festivals, and over 40 postsecondary educational institutions offering
5 diverse music related study programs state wide; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Georgia's musicians, its music industry, and the musical arts yield significant
7 cultural and educational benefits state wide, generate an economic impact of over \$3 billion,
8 and support almost 20,000 jobs, according to a study released in 2011; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the global music industry and its traditional business models are undergoing a
10 period of dramatic change as the digital marketplace shifts the way music is created,
11 marketed, delivered, and consumed; and
- 12 WHEREAS, innovative new business models are emerging in entrepreneurial environments
13 integrating music, technology, and the creative industries, and competing states and cities are
14 developing aggressive marketing and incentive programs to lure talent, productions, start-up
15 companies, and music related tourism to their markets; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment has facilitated a growth in the
17 economic impact of this state's film and television industries from \$244 million in fiscal year
18 2007 to \$3.1 billion in fiscal year 2012; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study should be undertaken to evaluate the issues facing
20 Georgia's music industry, identify opportunities, and explore strategies to retain existing
21 industry and talent and ensure growth, investment, and jobs.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Georgia Music Industry Study Committee to be
24 composed of five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives and five members of the Senate appointed by the President of the
26 Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of the appointees
27 from the House of Representatives to serve as a cochairperson, and the President of the
28 Senate shall designate one of the appointees from the Senate to serve as a cochairperson.
29 The committee shall meet on the call of the cochairpersons.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be charged with examining the
31 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or relative thereto and the programs and
32 incentives of other states and cities and measurable results thereof and recommending any
33 actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee
34 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
35 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
36 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
37 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
38 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
39 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
40 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
41 appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
42 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
43 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before the convening of the 2014 session
44 of the General Assembly, at which time the committee shall stand abolished.