

House Resolution 529

By: Representatives Harbin of the 122nd, Kaiser of the 59th, Williams of the 119th, Stephens of the 164th, Sims of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 there is created the House Georgia Music Industry Study Committee to be composed of five
24 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one of the
26 members to serve as chairperson. The committee shall meet on the call of the chairperson.

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