

House Resolution 755

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Riley of the 50th, Stephens of the 164th, McCall of the 33rd, Morris of the 156th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Equine Industry; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has significant amounts of pastureland and facilities that
3 would allow for the breeding, raising, training, and stabling of horses; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia's economy would benefit from an expansion of the equine
5 industry in Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia would receive broad financial benefits from additional
7 employment opportunities, the investment of additional capital, and the realization of profits
8 from the breeding, raising, and quartering of horses and the possibility of pari-mutuel
9 wagering and training and racing horses at tracks in this state; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the financial and other implications of such an expansion of Georgia's equine
11 industry deserve to be considered and studied.
- 12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 there is created the House Study Committee on the Equine Industry to be composed of eight
14 members. Five members shall be members of the House of Representatives, two members
15 shall be citizens of the state, and one member shall be an individual who is involved in the
16 horse racing industry. Each member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate one of the House members of the committee
18 to be the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
19 committee.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
21 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or
22 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
23 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,

24 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
25 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members
26 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than eight days
27 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
28 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. The
29 committee shall publish a report of its findings and recommendations which may include
30 suggestions for proposed legislation. Such report shall be made on or before
31 December 31, 2013. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2013.