

Senate Resolution 598

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Davis of the 22nd, Gooch of the 51st and Dugan of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Public-Private Partnership Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, there is a public need for timely acquisition, design, construction, improvement,
3 renovation, expansion, equipping, maintenance, operation, implementation, and installation
4 of public infrastructure and government facilities within this state that serve a public need
5 and purpose and which do not result in debt obligations for the state; and
- 6 WHEREAS, such public need may not be wholly satisfied by existing methods of
7 procurement in which qualifying projects are acquired, designed, constructed, improved,
8 renovated, expanded, equipped, maintained, operated, implemented, or installed; and
- 9 WHEREAS, there are inadequate resources to develop public infrastructure and government
10 facilities for the benefit of citizens of the state, and there is demonstrated evidence that
11 public-private partnerships can meet these needs by leveraging and supplementing limited
12 public funds available for public projects and providing other benefits to the public; and
- 13 WHEREAS, financial incentives exist under state and federal tax provisions that encourage
14 public entities to enter into partnerships with private entities to develop qualifying projects;
15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, authorizing private entities to develop or operate one or more qualifying
17 projects may result in the availability of such projects to the public in a more timely or less
18 costly fashion, thereby serving the public safety, benefit, and welfare; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Senate is determined to study the best and most efficient path to that goal.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the
21 Public-Private Partnership Study Committee to be composed of eight members consisting
22 of:

- 23 (1) Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
24 (2) One member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, appointed
25 by the chairperson of the board; and
26 (3) Three individuals from the private sector with professional backgrounds in government
27 procurement, with at least one individual holding specific expertise in public-private
28 partnership contracting, appointed by the President of the Senate.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may conduct such meetings at such
30 places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully
31 and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes
32 of this resolution. The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances
33 provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The
34 allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any legislative member of
35 the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized by the President
36 of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
37 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its
38 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
39 shall be made on or before November 1, 2013. The committee shall stand abolished on
40 November 1, 2013.