

House Resolution 826

By: Representatives Neal of the 2nd, England of the 116th, Lindsey of the 54th, Sheldon of the 104th, Dickson of the 6th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Human Embryonic Research Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, bioscience and its resulting research and development are of importance to the
3 citizens of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, the recognition and protection of human life are also of importance to the
5 citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine best policies and practices for facilitating a robust
7 bioscience industry within this state while also providing for respect and protection of human
8 life at the earliest stages of formation.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 there is created the House Human Embryonic Research Study Committee to be composed
11 of nine members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows: three
12 members shall be members of the House of Representatives, three members shall be citizens
13 who are deemed by the Speaker to possess certain knowledge and experience for contribution
14 to the committee, two members shall be persons engaged in the professional practice of
15 research science, and one member shall be a representative from the bioscience industry.
16 The Speaker shall designate a House member of the committee as chairperson of the
17 committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of human
19 embryonic research and the ways, means, and methods by which such research can be
20 performed while recognizing and protecting human life. The committee shall recommend
21 any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The
22 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
23 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
24 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative

25 members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8
26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated but shall receive the same for not more than five
27 days unless additional days are authorized by the Speaker. The funds necessary to carry out
28 the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of
29 Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
30 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
31 made on or before December 1, 2013. The committee shall stand abolished on December
32 1, 2013.