

Senate Resolution 642

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate 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 SENATE that there is created the Senate
10 Human Embryonic Research Study Committee to be composed of nine members appointed
11 by the President of the Senate as follows: three members shall be members of the Senate,
12 three members shall be citizens who are deemed by the President of the Senate to possess
13 certain knowledge and experience for contribution to the committee, two members shall be
14 persons engaged in the professional practice of research science, and one member shall be
15 a representative from the bioscience industry. The President of the Senate shall designate
16 a Senate member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall
17 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 President. The funds necessary to carry out
28 the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the
29 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions
30 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2013.
31 The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2013.