

House Resolution 1239

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Development Authority Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, local development authorities play a vital role in promoting and fostering
3 economic development and infrastructure improvements in our state; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a state audit released in December, 2013, recommended that local development
5 authorities should do a better job emphasizing ethical conduct of members and holding
6 public discussions of matters before the authority; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase communication between development
8 authorities and the county and municipal governing authorities that created them is worthy
9 of study; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase communication between development
11 authorities and local boards of education is worthy of study; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the relationship between the Department of Economic Development and local
13 development authorities is also worthy of study.
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 there is created the House Development Authority Study Committee to be composed of five
16 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
18 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the relationship
20 between governing authorities of counties and municipal corporations and local development
21 authorities; the relationship between the Department of Economic Development and local
22 development authorities; and the relationship between local boards of education and local

23 development authorities, in light of the considerations recited above. The committee shall
24 recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
25 The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
26 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
27 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the
28 committee shall receive the allowances provided for by Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
29 Code of Georgia Annotated but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless
30 additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
31 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the
32 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions
33 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2014.
34 The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2014.