

House Resolution 473

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Cyber Security; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the increasing dependence on technology to power critical infrastructure
3 exposes vulnerabilities; and
- 4 WHEREAS, cyber crime is a constantly evolving threat to business and consumers, with
5 criminals using fast-evolving and increasingly sophisticated methods to attack critical
6 information; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the cyber threat is continuing to grow by disrupting computer information
8 networks, gaining unauthorized access to systems, and accessing personal data such as credit
9 card information, representing one of the most significant challenges facing citizens today;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, cyber security awareness, education, workforce structure, and training are
12 fundamental to protect the individual, as well as to create solutions and embed cyber security
13 behaviors into our culture; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to some of the world's most impressive information security
15 companies and has a strong information security cluster; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Army Cybersecurity Command Center is being relocated to Fort Gordon
17 in Augusta and Georgia is home to more than 115 information security companies that
18 generate over \$4.7 billion in annual revenue; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the frequency and sophistication of cyber attacks has resulted in the expected
20 number of information security analysts to increase by 37 percent from 2012 to 2022
21 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

22 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain this growth and review recommendations to position
23 Georgia as the leader in the information security sector.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 GEORGIA:

26 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
27 Cyber Security.

28 (2) **Members and officers.**

29 (A) The committee shall be composed of eight members.

30 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the
31 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
32 members as cochairperson.

33 (C) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members of the Senate as members
34 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

35 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
36 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
37 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

38 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
39 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
40 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
41 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

42 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

43 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
44 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

45 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
46 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
47 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
48 appropriated to the House of Representatives and Senate.

49 (6) **Report.**

50 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
51 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
52 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
53 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

54 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
55 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
56 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

- 57 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
58 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
59 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
60 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.
- 61 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Clerk
62 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate copies of the minutes
63 of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.
- 64 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.