

House Resolution 724

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Cyber Security and Privacy; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, state and local governments are increasingly utilizing technology to deliver core
3 services, resulting in a growing number of government information technology systems being
4 deployed across Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the risk of both accidental and intentional data breaches continues to rise as
6 networks expand and criminal capabilities to breach them increase; and

7 WHEREAS, threats from human sources can take the form of attacks on both physical and
8 cyber assets; and

9 WHEREAS, threats of cyber attacks against control systems cannot be eliminated, but
10 actions can be taken to reduce the likelihood of a successful attack, to mitigate the harmful
11 consequences of an attack, and to improve a utility's ability to improve system protection and
12 restoration from future attacks, thus enhancing the resiliency of critical utility systems; and

13 WHEREAS, measures to prevent an attack or mitigate its consequences come with costs
14 which best be balance against the likelihood of the threat and the significance of the potential
15 harm; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of this body have a direct need to understand the current approach
17 being taken to regulate public and private entities to address the issue of cyber security and
18 determining the adequacy of existing resources and policies to protect the personal
19 information of citizens.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

21 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
22 on Cyber Security and Privacy.

23 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
24 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
26 of the committee.

27 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
28 issues, and problems that may exist with existing security procedures, practices and
29 systems in place across state and local government in Georgia or related thereto and
30 recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or
31 appropriate.

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

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

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

39 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
40 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
41 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
42 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

43 (6) **Report.**

44 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
45 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
46 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
47 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

48 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
49 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
50 of this paragraph.

51 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
52 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
53 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
54 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

55 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
56 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
57 thereof.

58 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.