

House Resolution 788

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A RESOLUTION

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

2 WHEREAS, the increasing dependence on technology to power critical infrastructure
3 exposes vulnerabilities in technology; and

4 WHEREAS, cyber crime is a constantly evolving threat to businesses 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, this state 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 United States Army Cybersecurity Command Center is being relocated to
17 Fort Gordon in Augusta, and Georgia is home to more than 115 information security
18 companies that 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

25 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
26 on Cyber Security.

27 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
28 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
30 of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

45 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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