

The House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security offers the following substitute to HR 724:

#### 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 the ability of state and local governments and a  
12 utility to improve system protection and restoration from future attacks, thus enhancing the  
13 resiliency of critical state and local government and utility systems; and
- 14 WHEREAS, measures to prevent an attack or mitigate its consequences come with costs  
15 which should be balanced against the likelihood of the threat and the significance of the  
16 potential harm; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the members of this body have a direct need to understand current approaches  
18 being taken to regulate public and private entities to address the issue of cyber security and  
19 determine the adequacy of existing resources and policies to protect the personal information  
20 of citizens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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