

Senate Resolution 1027

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Cowser of the 46th, Tate of the 38th and Jackson of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Music Economic Development Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the music industry in Georgia, through the creativity and effort of many talented
3 and dedicated performers, producers, promoters, technicians, and others working in many
4 different musical genres and styles, has entertained and given great pleasure to millions of
5 people worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, the music industry contributes substantially to the quality of life and economic
7 welfare of citizens of this state; and

8 WHEREAS, in light of the above, it is highly desirable to encourage and promote the
9 continued growth and success of the music industry in this state; and

10 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to examine the following aspects of the music industry
11 in Georgia:

12 (1) The economic impact of the music industry in Georgia and ways to measure, expand,
13 and promote the music economy statewide and foster integration with other creative
14 industries including film, digital media and gaming;

15 (2) The current mix of music content creators in Georgia and ways to retain and attract
16 talent while expanding music content as a net cultural export;

17 (3) The current state of the music and sound recording sector in Georgia and ways to
18 support and promote that sector;

19 (4) The current state of music tourism including live music and performance, music
20 festivals and music attractions and ways to support and promote that sector;

21 (5) The current state of music technology and entrepreneurship and explore ways to
22 support and promote innovation and enterprise investment;

23 (6) The musical tour and theatrical production in Georgia and ways to develop and
24 promote that sector of the industry;

(7) The current state of post-secondary music education opportunities in Georgia and ways to ensure a consistent, trained and reliable future workforce and alignment with private sector needs;

(8) The business side of music in Georgia, taking into account various industry clusters, and ways to strengthen and expand the business of music; and

(9) The Georgia Music Hall of Fame and its awards ceremony and ways that the institution can promote music in Georgia while providing for continued economic development.

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

(1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Music Economic Development Study Committee.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of 13 members.

(B) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. The President of the Senate shall also appoint an additional three members of the committee as follows: one representative of the recording academy, one professional music producer or recording engineer, and one music festival producer or major concert promoter.

(C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also appoint an additional three members of the committee as follows: one attorney who represents clients in the entertainment/music industry, one professional touring musician, and one post-secondary educator who teaches in the field of the music business.

(D) The commissioner of economic development, or his or her designee, shall be a member of the committee.

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

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

61 **(5) Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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

64 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
65 or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee,
66 but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their
67 duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for
68 expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

69 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
70 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
71 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
72 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
73 employees.

74 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
75 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
76 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
77 from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives; except that
78 funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative
79 members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise
80 available to their respective agencies.

81 **(6) Report.**

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

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

89 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
90 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
91 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
92 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

93 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
94 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
95 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

96 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.