

Senate Resolution 1028

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

35 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Music Economic
 36 Development Study Committee.

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

38 (A) The committee shall be composed of ten members.

39 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members
 40 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as chairperson. The
 41 President of the Senate shall also appoint an additional six members of the committee
 42 as follows: one representative of the recording academy, one professional music
 43 producer or recording engineer, one music festival producer or major concert promoter,
 44 one attorney who represents clients in the entertainment/music industry, one
 45 professional touring musician, and one post-secondary educator who teaches in the field
 46 of the music business.

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

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

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

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

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

59 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
 60 or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee,
 61 but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their

62 duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for
63 expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

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

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

75 **(6) Report.**

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

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

83 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
84 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
85 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
86 the Secretary of the Senate.

87 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
88 of the Senate copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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