

Senate Resolution 1159

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ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Camden County Spaceport Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia would benefit from developing a successful world-class spaceport; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Camden County contains a large, rural tract adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean that
4 is suitable for rocket launches; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the southerly location of Camden County provides favorable launch azimuths
6 to enable more payload to orbit; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology's Guggenheim School is the largest
8 aerospace engineering program in the United States; and
- 9 WHEREAS, additional study to identify challenges and opportunities related to a spaceport
10 in Georgia would be beneficial for advancing the potential \$300 billion industry within
11 Georgia.
- 12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:
- 13 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Camden County
14 Spaceport Study Committee.
- 15 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of four members of the
16 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall also appoint
17 an additional five nonlegislative members of the committee as follows:
- 18 (A) Two officials of Camden County who have knowledge and experience related
19 to the regulation of spaceports;
- 20 (B) Two members of the business community with experience related to the
21 operation of spaceports; and
- 22 (C) A faculty member from the Georgia Institute of Technology's Guggenheim
23 School.

24 The President shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of
25 the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

53 (6) **Report.**

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

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

- 61 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
62 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
63 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
64 the Secretary of the Senate.
- 65 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
66 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.
- 67 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.