

House Resolution 39

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Enhancing Economic Development Through the
2 County Tier System; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is highly desirable to encourage and promote the continued growth and
4 success of industry in this state; and

5 WHEREAS, this state may find great economic prosperity through the enhancement of the
6 use of tax credits through the county tier system to fund and grow Georgia based companies;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, adjustments may be made to encourage the creation of jobs in counties where
9 70 percent of the members of the work force travel outside their home counties to perform
10 their jobs, thus reducing traffic congestion and pollution; and

11 WHEREAS, it is advisable to review the strengths and weaknesses of the current county tier
12 system to ensure that Georgia taxpayers are receiving the best value for their investments and
13 that all counties receive an equitable distribution of funds.

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

15 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
16 on Enhancing Economic Development Through the County Tier System.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
18 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives. The Speaker shall also appoint an additional five nonlegislative
20 members of the committee as follows:

21 (A) The director of the Workforce Division of the Department of Economic
22 Development or his or her designee; and

23 (B) Four Georgia Certified Economic Developers employed by different counties.

24 The Speaker shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the
25 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 House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement
50 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the
51 reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated
52 to or otherwise 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 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

68 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.