

House Resolution 288

By: Representatives Jones of the 53rd, Williams of the 168th, Kendrick of the 93rd, and Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Minority Business Participation in State Contracts;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this state to provide minority business owners equal
4 opportunity to participate in all aspects of the state's contracting and purchasing programs,
5 including but not limited to participation in procurement contracts for materials, supplies,
6 services, equipment, and construction; and

7 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this state, its boards, departments, commissions, authorities,
8 and other agencies, with the assistance of minority groups and agencies, to actively
9 encourage qualified minority business enterprises and to offer them the opportunity to
10 participate in the state's contracting and purchasing programs; and

11 WHEREAS, a study is needed to research and evaluate the procurement and contracting
12 policies, practices, and goals of state departments, boards, commissions, authorities, and
13 other agencies with regard to minority business participation in state issued contracts; and

14 WHEREAS, a study is needed to evaluate whether state departments, boards, commissions,
15 authorities, and other agencies are acting cooperatively and in good faith to do all things
16 legal, proper, and reasonable to encourage and achieve maximum minority business
17 participation in the state procurement system.

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

19 (1) **Creation of a House study committee.** There is created the House Study
20 Committee on Minority Business Participation in State Contracts.

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

22 (A) The committee shall be composed of six members.

23 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint six members of the
24 House of Representatives as members of the committee, at least two of which shall be

25 members of the minority caucus, and shall designate one of such members as
26 chairperson.

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

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

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

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

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

41 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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