

Senate Resolution 400

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, James of the 35th, Henson of the 41st and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate 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 SENATE:

19 (1) **Creation of a Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate 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 President of the Senate shall appoint six members of the Senate as members
24 of the committee, at least two of which shall be members of the minority caucus, and
25 shall designate one of such members as chairperson.

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

40 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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