

Senate Resolution 454

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Cyber Security Education Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the cyber technology sector is rapidly growing and dramatically lacks the talent
3 to fill the thousands of workforce opportunities currently available; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Georgia high schools desire direction and guidance to prepare students to join
5 the cyber security workforce; and
- 6 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the current and future implementation of a cyber
7 security curriculum in Georgia high schools; and
- 8 WHEREAS, high schools in the State of Georgia desire to offer a curriculum specialized in
9 cyber security coursework heavily weighted in practical application; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Georgia high school students would greatly benefit from a structured cyber
11 security educational initiative; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Senate has a direct need to understand the state's current approach to
13 meeting the needs and opportunities within Georgia high schools relating to cyber security
14 education.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:
- 16 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Cyber Security
17 Education Study Committee.
- 18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members as
19 follows:
- 20 (A) The chairperson of the Senate Science and Technology Committee;
- 21 (B) The chairperson of the Senate Education and Youth Committee;

22 (C) Two members of the Senate who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate
 23 based upon their knowledge and experience with education;

24 (D) The State School Superintendent or his or her designee; and

25 (E) Two individuals from the business or educational community with expertise in
 26 cyber security who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate.

27 The President shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the
 28 committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

56 (6) **Report.**

57 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
 58 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the

59 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
60 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

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

68 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
69 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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