

Senate Resolution 410

By: Senator Martin of the 9th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Information Technology Corridors in Georgia Study Committee; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the state's economy would greatly benefit from further growth in the
4 information technology space; and

5 WHEREAS, it is highly desirable to review current state incentives as well as opportunities
6 for future incentives for technology growth; and

7 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the establishment of specific corridors in this
8 state that would directly foster the growth of information technology; and

9 WHEREAS, there are a number of potential sites that could be enhanced by the state to
10 further their development into information technology corridors, including, but not limited
11 to, the route between Atlanta and Athens along Highway 316, the route between Atlanta and
12 Macon along I-75, the route between Atlanta and Alpharetta along State Route 400, and the
13 route between Atlanta and Augusta along I-20.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

15 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Information
16 Technology Corridors in Georgia Study Committee.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
18 Senate which shall include the chairpersons of the Senate Economic Development and
19 Tourism Committee and the Senate Science and Technology Committee to be appointed
20 by the President of the Senate. The President shall also appoint an additional three
21 nonlegislative members of the committee as follows:

22 (A) An official or employee of the Board of Regents of the University System of
23 Georgia;

24 (B) An official or employee of the Department of Economic Development; and

25 (C) An individual from the Georgia business community who is knowledgeable
26 concerning the economic development of the technology industry.

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 or
34 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
35 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) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
45 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
46 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
47 appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of
48 state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the
49 expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise
50 available to their respective agencies.

51 (6) **Report.**

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

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

59 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
60 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

61 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
62 the Secretary of the Senate.

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

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