

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Space Commission; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a need to bring together all facets of the commercial space industry in
4 Georgia to collectively work toward constructing and advancing a Georgia commercial space
5 policy; and

6 WHEREAS, it is highly desirable to foster and promote the economic development of the
7 commercial space industry in the State of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, it is necessary to study economic development activities to expand and diversify
9 domestic and international opportunities that support talent development and enhancement
10 of infrastructure and that support government and organizations in improving the state's
11 competitive business climate in the commercial space industry; and

12 WHEREAS, by partnering with organizations such as the Economic Development Center for
13 Aerospace Innovations, the State of Georgia can benefit from the organization's technical
14 expertise, collaborative research, and partnerships to assist the state in competition and
15 growth in the commercial space industry; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation may work collaboratively with the
17 commission to further its goals; and

18 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study similar space commissions in other states and
19 determine whether the establishment of a space commission in this state should be
20 recommended in order to advance a collective commercial space policy.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 GEORGIA:

- 23 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
24 the Establishment of a State Space Commission.
- 25 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of six members, as
26 follows:
- 27 (A) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
28 of the House of Representatives, who shall designate one of such members as
29 cochairperson; and
- 30 (B) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, who
31 shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.
- 32 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
33 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
34 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
- 35 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
36 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
37 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
38 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
- 39 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The members of the committee shall receive the
40 allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
41 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
42 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
43 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
44 appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- 45 (6) **Report.**
- 46 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
47 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
48 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
49 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.
- 50 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
51 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
52 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.
- 53 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
54 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
55 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
56 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.
- 57 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Clerk
58 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate copies of the minutes
59 of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.