

Senate Resolution 882

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Brass of the 28th, Harper of the 7th, Kennedy of the 18th and Beach of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Operations and
2 Authority Creation Study Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is a vital tool in the national
4 and international transport of airline passengers, and this resource continues to grow and play
5 a critical role in the economic development of this state; and

6 WHEREAS, Hartsfield -Jackson Atlanta International Airport is an invaluable resource to
7 the economy of the State of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, in the interest of public welfare, national security, and economic stability, the
9 transfer of operations of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to an authority
10 might best serve and protect the citizens of the State of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine what federal laws and regulations must be
12 complied with in order to accomplish a transfer of the airport to an authority and what
13 financial obligations must be considered in making such a decision.

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

15 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate
16 Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Operations and Authority Creation Study
17 Committee.

18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 13 members of the
19 Senate, five of which shall be from the minority party, to be appointed by the President
20 of the Senate. The President shall designate a legislative member of the committee as
21 chairperson of the committee.

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

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

29 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
30 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
31 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
32 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
33 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
34 appropriated to the Senate.

35 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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