

Senate Resolution 644

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Burke of the 11th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Building Authority to provide for certain space within the former state
2 judicial building to be used for the implementation of a workplace wellness program for the
3 General Assembly and state agencies; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, many employers throughout the State of Georgia have greatly benefited from
5 implementing workplace wellness programs; and

6 WHEREAS, the General Assembly currently lacks a workplace wellness program for its
7 members, officers, and employees or the space or facilities in which to offer such a program;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, such programs have been found to increase employee productivity while
10 decreasing absenteeism and staff turnover; and

11 WHEREAS, workplace wellness programs foster reductions in the ever-increasing costs of
12 health care and assist in the recruitment and retention of employees; and

13 WHEREAS, the presence of an on-site nurse would allow members, officers, and employees
14 to obtain medical treatment for nonserious medical conditions with minimal interruptions to
15 their work days; and

16 WHEREAS, ideally, such a workplace wellness program would also include an on-site
17 fitness center; and

18 WHEREAS, the Capitol Hill Fitness Center located at 2 Peachtree Street is not accessible
19 to members, officers, and employees of the General Assembly and certain employees of state
20 agencies during work hours because of its distance from the state capitol building; and

21 WHEREAS, the judicial building is being vacated with the opening of the new judicial
22 complex and the basement of the former judicial building would be an ideal location for a
23 workplace wellness program.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 strongly urge the Georgia Building Authority to assess the viability of providing the space
26 in the basement of the former state judicial building to house an on-site fitness center for the
27 General Assembly and state agencies and to furnish the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
28 and the Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee with the results of such assessment on or
29 before June 1, 2020.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
32 Building Authority.