

Senate Resolution 833

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Dugan of the 30th, Gooch of the 51st, Jones of the 25th, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Preparing Our Future Workforce; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly previously found that it would be beneficial to students,
4 employers, and the economic health of this state to assist in providing highly trained,
5 technologically sophisticated, and career oriented students so as to aid in the development
6 of a successful twenty-first century workforce; and that by opening their doors to work based
7 learning opportunities, employers can play an active role in shaping the quality of their future
8 workforce by preparing potential leaders for their companies and communities and helping
9 shape future curriculum to create an educated workforce for their industries as a whole; and

10 WHEREAS, work based learning programs provide students the opportunity to work and
11 learn in a real-world environment and prepare them for future career opportunities; and such
12 work based learning opportunities can be accomplished by developing partnerships between
13 and among the business community, industry, students, parents, school systems, and
14 postsecondary education institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Work Based Learning Act was passed by the General Assembly
16 to provide students 16 years of age and older opportunities to participate in work based
17 learning programs; and

18 WHEREAS, since the passage of the Work Based Learning Act, there is a recognized need
19 to ensure alignment of existing programs and resources to most efficiently and effectively
20 achieve the objectives of the Work Based Learning Act; and

21 WHEREAS, there is a recognized need to ensure work based learning programs include more
22 veterans and displaced adult workers in work based learning experiences; and

23 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to this state to undertake a study regarding
24 apprenticeships, internships, and all forms of student work based learning, and consider
25 solutions that increase efficiency of student work based learning programs, lead to better
26 workforce needs, and support existing and potential work preparation programs; a need
27 evidenced by an increase in business participation in business school partnerships and a
28 marked increase in the number of students completing apprenticeship, internship, and work
29 based learning programs prior to graduating from high school.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
31 GEORGIA:

- 32 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
33 Preparing Our Future Workforce.
- 34 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following
35 members:
- 36 (A) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate,
37 including the chairperson of the committee on education and youth, the chairperson of
38 the committee on higher education, and one additional member of the Senate. One of
39 these three members of the Senate shall be designated by the President of the Senate to
40 serve as cochairperson of the committee;
- 41 (B) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of
42 the House of Representatives, including the chairperson of the committee on education,
43 the chairperson of the committee on higher education, and one additional member of
44 the House of Representatives. One of these three members of the House of
45 Representatives shall be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to
46 serve as cochairperson of the committee;
- 47 (C) The Governor or his or her designee;
- 48 (D) The State School Superintendent or his or her designee;
- 49 (E) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee;
- 50 (F) The commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia or his or her
51 designee;
- 52 (G) One president or chief executive officer of a local business or business association
53 appointed by the Governor;
- 54 (H) One president or chief executive officer of a local business or business association
55 appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- 56 (I) One president or chief executive officer of a local business or business association
57 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

78 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
79 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
80 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
81 from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives; except that
82 funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative
83 members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise
84 available to their respective agencies.

85 (6) **Report.**

86 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
87 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
88 same prior to the date of abolition specified in this resolution, subject to
89 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

90 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
91 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
92 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

95 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
96 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

97 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
98 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
99 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

100 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2020.