

House Resolution 1391

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Advanced Technology Solutions for State
2 Government; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia is already a leader in technology advancements both in the private and
4 public sectors; and

5 WHEREAS, since 2009, the Georgia Technology Authority has offered technology services
6 through a public-private partnership that has included a full range of managed network
7 services and information technology infrastructure services to 14 agencies in the state's
8 executive branch, as well as services to many other agencies; and

9 WHEREAS, such managed technology services approach aligns directly with Governor
10 Brian Kemp's strategic goal to expand public-private partnerships in order to leverage
11 technology so as to maximize and supplement the state's limited state resources; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Technology Authority's approach in keeping with Governor Kemp's
13 goal has resulted in savings and benefits that have far exceeded the original estimates; and

14 WHEREAS, part of such approach has included focused efforts to protect state systems and
15 data, including the launch of the Georgia Workforce Academy, which was created to provide
16 training and education to information security officers in state agencies and convenient,
17 secure access to state services and information; and

18 WHEREAS, more than \$752 million were spent by the state on information technology in
19 2019, up from \$730 million in 2018, across various information technology platforms, such
20 as web services, data management, data warehousing, and data storage; and

21 WHEREAS, beyond the dollars spent, numerous state agency projects have been developed
22 that are aimed at using technology in the provision of innovative services, ensuring greater
23 access to government, and helping to guide decision making; and

24 WHEREAS, while the State of Georgia has made significant progress in modernizing its
25 technology footprint, it could further benefit from emerging technologies in the marketplace,
26 such as a hybrid cloud, internet of things, information technology for data and analytics,
27 server management, cybersecurity, managed print services, and managed service solutions;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, a study is needed to ensure that the State of Georgia is positioned as a national
30 leader that is looking at significant advances in technology and where technology can further
31 capitalize upon and further this state's current successes in innovation, leadership, and cost
32 efficiency across the state and in rural Georgia through public-private partnerships.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
34 GEORGIA:

35 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
36 Advanced Technology Solutions for State Government.

37 (2) **Members and officers.**

38 (A) The committee shall be composed of ten members.

39 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the
40 House of Representatives and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.
41 The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also appoint a citizen who is a
42 technology expert to serve as a member of the committee.

43 (C) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate and shall
44 designate one of such members as cochairperson. The President of the Senate shall also
45 appoint a citizen who is a technology expert to serve as a member of the committee.

46 (D) The chief information officer of the State of Georgia, or his or her designee, and
47 the commissioner of administrative services, or his or her designee, shall also serve as
48 members of the committee.

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

52 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
53 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem

54 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
55 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

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

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

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

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

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

76 **(6) Report.**

77 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
78 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
79 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
80 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

84 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
85 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
86 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
87 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate. Any
88 member of the committee may file a minority report that shall accompany the majority
89 report.

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

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