

## 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

**ADOPTED SENATE****A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Preparing Our Future Workforce; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly previously found that it would be beneficial to students, employers, and the economic health of this state to assist in providing highly trained, technologically sophisticated, and career oriented students so as to aid in the development of a successful twenty-first century workforce; and that by opening their doors to work based learning opportunities, employers can play an active role in shaping the quality of their future workforce by preparing potential leaders for their companies and communities and helping 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 learn in a real-world environment and prepare them for future career opportunities; and such work based learning opportunities can be accomplished by developing partnerships between and among the business community, industry, students, parents, school systems, and postsecondary education institutions; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Work Based Learning Act was passed by the General Assembly to provide students 16 years of age and older opportunities to participate in work based learning programs; and
- 18 WHEREAS, since the passage of the Work Based Learning Act, there is a recognized need to ensure alignment of existing programs and resources to most efficiently and effectively 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 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;
- 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; and
- 58 (J) One representative of organized labor appointed by the Governor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

86     (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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

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