

Senate Resolution 282

By: Senators Jones II of the 22nd and Rahman of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Universal Basic Income Program Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, approximately 14 percent of Georgia's population lives in poverty, and many
4 Georgians face income insecurity; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's poverty rate is higher than the national average; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia's income inequality is higher than the national average and is climbing;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, some current economic safety net programs have been ineffective in eradicating
9 poverty; and

10 WHEREAS, the high administrative costs of some economic safety net programs have
11 contributed to the ineffectiveness of those programs; and

12 WHEREAS, all of Georgia citizens deserve to have their basic economic needs met; and

13 WHEREAS, a universal basic income will help all Georgia citizens meet their basic
14 economic needs; and

15 WHEREAS, a universal basic income will help eliminate poverty in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, a universal basic income will help alleviate income inequality; and

17 WHEREAS, a universal basic income is fair to all of Georgia's citizens, as any of its citizens
18 may be eligible to receive it; and

19 WHEREAS, a study is needed to determine the need and scope of a universal basic income
20 program in this state.

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

22 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Universal Basic
23 Income Program Study Committee.

24 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the
25 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
26 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

34 **(5) Allowances and funding.**

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

37 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
38 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
39 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
40 appropriated to the Senate.

41 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

55 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2021.