

## House Resolution 1583

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Small Business Technology Adoption; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's economy is highly dependent on small businesses for the creation of  
4 jobs, economic growth, prosperity, and the provision of goods and services; and

5 WHEREAS, small businesses in this state would benefit from adopting technologies such  
6 as enterprise software, artificial intelligence, electronic invoicing (e-invoicing), and other  
7 tools to lower costs and improve performance; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia through its university system, technical colleges, K-12  
9 systems, professional licensing entities, and economic development agencies can play an  
10 integral role in giving small businesses the training, professional certifications, and other  
11 tools needed to benefit from technological advancements; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's tax laws should also be reviewed to ensure they appropriately enable  
13 small businesses to make investments in technology; and

14 WHEREAS, a study would be beneficial to examine how public policy can play a vital role  
15 in encouraging continued adoption of cutting-edge technologies by small businesses in  
16 Georgia.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

18 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
19 on Small Business Technology Adoption.

20 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
21 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
22 as follows:

23 (A) The chairperson of the House Committee on Small Business Development, who  
24 shall serve as chairperson;

25 (B) Two members of the majority party in the House of Representatives; and

26 (C) Two members of the minority party in the House of Representatives.

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 House of Representatives.

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 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

56 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2026.