

Senate Resolution 155

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Truck Driver Shortages Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the American Trucking Associations estimates that over the next ten years, the
3 industry will have to recruit nearly 1.2 million new drivers to not only replace retiring drivers
4 and drivers who otherwise leave the profession, but to increase driver numbers to boost
5 industry growth; and

6 WHEREAS, a driver shortage in the trucking industry could affect the economy as a whole,
7 as well as every supply chain; and

8 WHEREAS, an instructional opportunity gap exists in the availability and affordability of
9 courses and training in the operation of a commercial motor vehicle and obtaining a
10 commercial driver's license; and

11 WHEREAS, assessment of the current shortage of licensed truck drivers in the
12 west-to-northwest region of the state and projections for such continued shortages without
13 intervention is needed; and

14 WHEREAS, input should be sought regarding impacts the shortage in qualified truck drivers
15 have had upon businesses; and

16 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine the availability of public instructional resources,
17 especially among the technical colleges, that could be utilized to fill education gaps and to
18 help alleviate the driver shortage.

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

20 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Truck Driver
21 Shortages Study Committee.

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

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

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

32 (5) **Allowances and funding.** Members of the committee who are members of the
33 General Assembly shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of
34 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution
35 shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless
36 additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
37 resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate.

38 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

52 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2023.