

## Senate Resolution 175

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**ADOPTED SENATE**

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Dual Enrollment for Highly Skilled Talent at  
2 Younger Ages; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia remains the number one state in which to do business according to  
4 economic development experts; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia attracts additional investment in jobs from a strong existing employer  
6 base; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia attracts new investment in jobs from employers worldwide who wish  
8 to locate here; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia employers in multiple sectors, including healthcare, manufacturing,  
10 construction, automotive, aviation, technology, software, and public safety, among others,  
11 have large and immediate needs for more highly skilled talent; and

12 WHEREAS, recent economic development data clearly show that postsecondary graduates  
13 with technical college certificates and technical college associate degrees are not sufficient  
14 to meet the demands of Georgia employers for highly skilled talent; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgians depend on the creation of more highly skilled talent to continue to  
16 attract the investments that yield a higher quality of life for all Georgians; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia has creatively used its flexibility to add dual enrollment programs to  
18 workforce development systems and has begun to develop more highly skilled talent at  
19 younger ages; and

20 WHEREAS, among the dual enrollment opportunities available to Georgia high school  
21 students, Georgia allows a high school student to graduate by completing an accelerated  
22 career dual enrollment program, which requires completion of two years of high school  
23 academic courses and the completion of an associate degree, a technical college diploma, or  
24 two technical college certificates; and

25 WHEREAS, during their sophomore, junior, and senior years, students pursuing an  
26 accelerated career dual enrollment program may work for a local employer and may then be  
27 hired by that employer upon graduation; and

28 WHEREAS, dual enrolled high school students show higher rates of secondary and  
29 postsecondary completion, and those dual enrolled in high demand career fields of study can  
30 earn higher wages at younger ages; and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia is well-served to ensure that all students, especially those who are  
32 economically disadvantaged, are accessing these opportunities while in high school; and

33 WHEREAS, multiple Georgia schools and school systems, including college and career  
34 academies, have been working with local employers and technical colleges to create

35 accelerated career dual enrollment program opportunities and to create more federally  
36 registered apprenticeships; and

37 WHEREAS, the aforesaid districts and college and career academies have identified  
38 challenges and obstacles in building accelerated career dual enrollment programs and  
39 apprenticeships, including issues related to reaching and recruiting students and their families  
40 to consider Georgia's accelerated career dual enrollment program opportunities and issues  
41 related to funding, scheduling, counseling, and required courses; and

42 WHEREAS, a study would be beneficial to examine Georgia's existing dual enrollment  
43 opportunities to develop highly skilled talent at younger ages and to identify potential  
44 solutions that will yield more dual enrollment highly skilled talent at younger ages at the  
45 request of students, families, communities, and employers.

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

47 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on  
48 Dual Enrollment for Highly Skilled Talent at Younger Ages.

49 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 16 members as  
50 follows:

51 (A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

52 (i) Four members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and  
53 shall designate one such member as cochairperson; and

54 (ii) One Georgia employer who has workforce challenges;

55 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

56 (i) Four members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall designate one  
57 such member as cochairperson; and

58 (ii) One Georgia employer who has workforce challenges;

- 59 (C) The Governor shall appoint one Georgia employer who has workforce challenges;  
60 (D) The State School Superintendent or his or her designee;  
61 (E) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee;  
62 (F) The commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia or his or her  
63 designee;  
64 (G) The president of the Georgia Student Finance Commission or his or her designee;  
65 and  
66 (H) The commissioner of economic development or his or her designee.
- 67 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
68 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
69 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
- 70 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The  
71 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem  
72 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform  
73 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
- 74 (5) **Allowances and funding.**
- 75 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided  
76 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
- 77 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,  
78 or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the  
79 committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the  
80 performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they  
81 are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.
- 82 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state  
83 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that  
84 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia

85 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state  
86 employees.

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

94 (6) **Report.**

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

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

102 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
103 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
104 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed  
105 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.

106 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Clerk  
107 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes  
108 of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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