

House Resolution 604

By: Representative Knight of the 134th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Funding for the Technical College System of
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Technical College System of Georgia provides essential education and
4 training programs to adults in Georgia that ensures Georgia has a competitive workforce in
5 highly technical and specialized fields; and

6 WHEREAS, it is of vital importance that the Technical College System of Georgia is
7 adequately funded so that Georgia's workforce remains competitive and able to meet demand
8 for such specialized and technical fields; and

9 WHEREAS, many of the programs offered by the Technical College System of Georgia,
10 especially those that provide training for high demand fields, involve significant costs and
11 expenses that are continuing to increase; and

12 WHEREAS, given the increasing costs and expenses associated with many of the programs
13 offered by the Technical College System of Georgia in high demand fields, study is needed
14 to ensure that tuition for such programs is keeping pace with such costs and expenses; study
15 is further needed to ensure that the per credit hour costs provided for in the funding formula

16 used to determine the amount of state funds needed to operate the Technical College System
17 of Georgia is keeping pace with the costs and expenses of the programs offered by the
18 Technical College System of Georgia.

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

20 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
21 on Funding for the Technical College System of Georgia.

22 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of four members of the
23 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
24 and the chairperson of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Committee on
25 Appropriations, who shall serve as chairperson of such committee.

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

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

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

39 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

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