

House Resolution 817

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Governmental Use of Drones and Unmanned
2 Aircraft from Foreign Adversaries; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, drones and unmanned aircraft from foreign adversaries pose a potential security
4 threat by enabling espionage, data collection, and cyber intrusions that could compromise
5 sensitive government and infrastructure systems; and

6 WHEREAS, foreign-made drones have been found operating near soft critical infrastructure,
7 raising concerns about unauthorized surveillance and potential sabotage; and

8 WHEREAS, many drones collect and transmit data back to their manufacturers, some of
9 which are based in countries with adversarial interests; and

10 WHEREAS, government agencies, including law enforcement, often use drones for
11 surveillance, disaster response, and public safety operations; and

12 WHEREAS, the reliance on foreign adversary manufactured drones limits domestic
13 production and innovation; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia currently lacks comprehensive state level policies governing the
15 procurement and use of drones by government agencies; and

16 WHEREAS, many military installations in Georgia face increased risks from unauthorized
17 drone activity; and

18 WHEREAS, citizens deserve to know how government agencies are using drone technology
19 and whether their data is protected; and

20 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the possible privacy and security impacts of the
21 state's drone usage policies.

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

23 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
24 on Governmental Use of Drones and Unmanned Aircraft from Foreign Adversaries.

25 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
26 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
27 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
28 of the committee.

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

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

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

42 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

57 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.