

The House Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation offers the following substitute to HR 817:

#### 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, including from foreign adversaries, pose a  
4 potential security threat by enabling espionage, data collection, and cyber intrusions that  
5 could compromise 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 and chip sets limits  
13 domestic production and innovation; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the United States federal government currently lack  
15 comprehensive state and federal level policies governing the procurement and use of drones  
16 by government agencies; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the possible privacy and security impacts of the  
22 state's drone usage policies, as well as the potential coordination of federal, state, and local  
23 governments in developing procedures to ensure that interdictions take into account the  
24 safety and protection of local communities.

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

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

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

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

35 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
36 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

37 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
38 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

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

45 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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