

## House Resolution 1527

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Georgia Department of Transportation Contracting;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, contracts for highway construction projects are complex undertakings that  
4 impact the parties involved and the general public; and

5 WHEREAS, movement of existing infrastructure such as utilities often impact the time  
6 required for the completion of highway construction projects; and

7 WHEREAS, examination of the utility adjustment schedule that is used in highway  
8 construction contracts in Georgia should be done to determine if such projects could be  
9 completed in less time; and

10 WHEREAS, study and analysis is needed on oversight, management, and operations of  
11 highway construction projects in Georgia and the policies or laws governing the Department  
12 of Transportation that could be amended to keep projects on time and on budget.

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

14 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
15 on Georgia Department of Transportation Contracting.

16 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of ten members of the  
17 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
19 of the committee.

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

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

27 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

28 The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in  
29 Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances  
30 authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for  
31 more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out  
32 the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of  
33 Representatives.

34 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

49 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2026.