

House Resolution 1528

By: Representatives Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Schofield of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Higher Education Fiscal Stewardship; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia serves students, families, and taxpayers  
4 throughout Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents exercises control and management over the university  
6 system and the use of funds appropriated for the university system by the General Assembly;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Audits and Accounts conducts an annual audit of the  
9 university system and compiles other information relating to the university system; and

10 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for this body to review the audit reports and other  
11 information in order to evaluate trends and risk areas and make recommendations for any  
12 needed improvements.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 GEORGIA:

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15 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on  
16 Higher Education Fiscal Stewardship.

17 (2) **Members and officers.**

18 (A) The committee shall be composed of ten members.

19 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the  
20 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such  
21 members as cochairperson.

22 (C) The President of the Senate shall appoint five members of the Senate as members  
23 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

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

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

31 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

32 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided  
33 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

34 (B) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received  
35 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
36 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
37 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and Senate; except that funds  
38 for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members,  
39 and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to  
40 their respective agencies.

41 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

53 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Clerk  
54 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate copies of the minutes  
55 of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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