

The House Committee on Special Rules offers the following substitute to HR 1748:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Local Governmental Professional Contracting; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, states are required to hire design teams for construction projects; and

4 WHEREAS, design teams have considerable freedom in how they approach the design  
5 process; and

6 WHEREAS, it is important to balance the interests of designing and building structures by  
7 ensuring clear architectural and design documentation; and

8 WHEREAS, more study is required to evaluate the use of certain design criteria in this state.

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

10 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
11 on Local Governmental Professional Contracting.

12 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall comprise five members of the House  
13 of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with  
14 one of such number designated as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

25 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
26 of the committee for more than four days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
27 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
28 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement  
29 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the  
30 reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated  
31 to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

32 (6) **Report.**

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

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

40 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
41 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

42 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
43 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

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