

House Resolution 1894

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Basic Building Blocks of Transportation; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has grown to over 11 million people and nearly 350 million
4 daily vehicle miles traveled across state, county, and city roads; and

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation estimates spending approximately \$63 billion
6 on projects over the next 20 years as part of their Freight and Logistics Implementation Plan;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the building block materials for highway construction include asphalt, concrete,
9 and aggregates, such as sand, gravel, and crushed stone; and

10 WHEREAS, the costs of these building blocks have escalated, such that in every project,
11 large and small, urban, suburban, and rural, the dollar doesn't go as far; and

12 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state to study the cost increases and reduced
13 effectiveness of our dollars in transportation; and

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

16 WHEREAS, movement of existing infrastructure such as utilities often impacts the time
17 required for the completion of highway construction projects; and

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

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

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

25 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
26 on the Basic Building Blocks of Transportation.

27 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 12 members of the
28 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
30 of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

41 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
42 or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the
43 committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the
44 performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they
45 are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

46 (C) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
47 of the committee for more than six days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
48 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
49 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement
50 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the
51 reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated
52 to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

53 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

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

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