

House Resolution 318

By: Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Dempsey of the 13th, Coleman of the 97th, Bentley of the 139th, and Williams of the 119th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Inclusive Postsecondary Education; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, postsecondary educational opportunities have the same benefits for individuals
4 with intellectual and developmental disabilities as they do for traditional students: academic
5 and personal skills building, independence, self-advocacy, friendships, and employment
6 skills; and

7 WHEREAS, inclusive postsecondary programs provide opportunities for students with
8 intellectual and developmental disabilities to further their education beyond high school,
9 which prepares them to blossom in their careers and lives; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgians with disabilities want jobs and careers, but the current system
11 disincentivizes employment; and

12 WHEREAS, the continued development of options for those with disabilities would benefit
13 those individuals and their families, Georgia employers, and Georgia taxpayers; and

14 WHEREAS, it is worthwhile to consider and study whether the technical college system
15 could develop and maintain a program or programs to provide students with intellectual and
16 developmental disabilities with useful skills that allow them to achieve their full potential.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 GEORGIA:

19 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
20 on Inclusive Postsecondary Education.

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

22 (A) The committee shall be composed of five members.

23 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the
24 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
25 members as chairperson.

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

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

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

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

36 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
37 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
38 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
39 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

40 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

52 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
53 House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
54 thereof.

55 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.