

House Resolution 627

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Bureaucratic Hindrances to Businesses; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, *Area Development Magazine* has ranked Georgia the number one state in which
4 to do business for the eighth year in a row; and

5 WHEREAS, however, bureaucratic hindrances continue to be a concern among the business
6 community, particularly at the local level; and

7 WHEREAS, many businesses find that local ordinances can vary greatly by city or county,
8 leading to great frustration and confusion; and

9 WHEREAS, other businesses find state agency rules and regulations difficult to locate and
10 to comprehend; and

11 WHEREAS, state agencies, boards, and commissions continue to more create regulations
12 year after year, rarely repealing more than what is being added; and

13 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of potential roadblocks is required to remove undue
14 burdens for businesses while maintaining a balance between public safety and economic
15 growth; and

16 WHEREAS, a review of state and local laws and regulations to determine what actions are
17 recommended to lessen the bureaucratic hindrances for the business community and the
18 citizens of this state is warranted.

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

20 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
21 on Bureaucratic Hindrances to Businesses.

22 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
23 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
25 of the committee.

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 a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
54 thereof.

55 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2022.