

Senate Resolution 1035

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**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating the Senate Educating Adult Students Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, providing educational opportunities to individuals who, for a variety of reasons,  
3 have not attained a high school diploma or a general educational development (GED)  
4 diploma by the age of 20 is consistent with the state's obligations under Article VIII of the  
5 Constitution of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, there are unmet employment opportunities in Georgia for adults who are 21  
7 years of age or older and who have attained a high school diploma or a GED diploma; and

8 WHEREAS, meeting the demand for qualified individuals to engage such employment  
9 opportunities is a critical workforce development issue; and

10 WHEREAS, the state has an obligation to tailor its education system to help meet this  
11 demand to prevent the stifling of economic growth; and

12 WHEREAS, study is needed to evaluate:

13 (1) Methods and manners of expanding opportunities for adults in Georgia who are 21  
14 years of age or older to complete their secondary education and attain a high school  
15 diploma or a GED diploma;

16 (2) The number of adults in Georgia who are 21 years of age or older and who have not  
17 attained a high school diploma or GED diploma but would like the opportunity to attain  
18 a diploma;

19 (3) The types and models of programs needed for adults in Georgia who are 21 years of  
20 age or older to attain a high school diploma or GED diploma;

21 (4) Whether changes to elementary and secondary school curricula and policies should  
22 be recommended to the State Board of Education to support workforce development by  
23 providing for adults in Georgia who are 21 years of age or older to attain a high school  
24 diploma or GED diploma;

- 25 (5) Whether changes to curricula and policies should be recommended for the Technical  
 26 College System of Georgia;
- 27 (6) Whether changes to policies should be recommended for the State Charter Schools  
 28 Commission of Georgia; and
- 29 (7) Whether any related budget recommendations should be made.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

31 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Educating Adult  
 32 Students Study Committee.

33 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of four members of the  
 34 Senate, including the chairperson of the Education and Youth Committee, the chairperson  
 35 of the Higher Education Committee, and two additional members of the Senate to be  
 36 appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall also appoint an additional  
 37 three nonlegislative members of the committee as follows: the State School  
 38 Superintendent or his or her designee; the commissioner of the Technical College System  
 39 of Georgia or his or her designee; and the executive director of the State Charter Schools  
 40 Commission of Georgia or his or her designee. The chairperson of the Education and  
 41 Youth Committee shall be designated by the President of the Senate to serve as  
 42 chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

58 (C) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received  
 59 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
 60 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come

61 from funds appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of the  
62 expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall  
63 come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

64 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

74 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
75 the Secretary of the Senate.

76 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary  
77 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

78 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2020.