

Senate Resolution 463

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ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on the Electrification of Transportation; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the market for electric vehicles is poised for significant growth in the near
4 future and such growth will expand the need for a more robust public charging network; and

5 WHEREAS, the implementation of state-wide public charging infrastructure for electric
6 vehicles is vital for this state to remain economically competitive, a leader in transportation
7 and logistics, and the number one state in which to do business; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia needs to establish a comprehensive, strategic plan that sets
9 policy objectives for infrastructure, economic preparedness, transportation funding,
10 innovation, and the development of a successful electric vehicle market in the state of
11 Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to examine how to accelerate economic growth and
13 directly engage stakeholders in the development and implementation of initiatives that best
14 position and prepare this state and its citizens for transportation electrification; and

15 WHEREAS, subject to availability of funds from the budget of the Senate and the House of
16 Representatives, such study may include a contract for the provision of private consulting
17 services and any other services deemed necessary for purposes of addressing the areas
18 identified in this resolution.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 GEORGIA:

21 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
22 the Electrification of Transportation.

23 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall consist of the following members:

24 (A) Four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including
25 the chairpersons of the Senate Transportation Committee and the Senate Regulated
26 Industries Committee, and the President of the Senate shall designate one of such
27 members as cochairperson of the committee;

28 (B) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
29 House of Representatives, including the chairpersons of the House Committee on
30 Transportation and the House Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications Committee,
31 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of such members
32 as cochairperson of the committee;

33 (C) The commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation or his or her
34 designee;

35 (D) The commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development or his
36 or her designee; and

37 (E) The chairperson of the Georgia Public Service Commission or his or her designee.

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

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

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

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

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

53 (C) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
54 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
55 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
56 from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives; except that
57 funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative
58 members and state employees, shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise
59 available to their respective agencies.

60 (6) **Report.**

61 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
62 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
63 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
64 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

65 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
66 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
67 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

70 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
71 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

72 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
73 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
74 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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