

Senate Resolution 474

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Adult Changing Stations in Commercial Public
2 Facilities; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, while not stipulating adult
4 changing stations, requires that specified buildings, structures, and facilities be accessible to,
5 and usable by, individuals with disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, as the number of individuals with disabilities continues to grow, the need for
7 access to adult changing stations in commercial public facilities is becoming more apparent
8 across our nation; and

9 WHEREAS, by expanding public restroom accommodations in large occupancy buildings
10 such as auditoriums, convention centers, exhibition halls, sports arenas, and theaters,
11 individuals with disabilities are given dignity and the basic human right to maintain their
12 health; and

13 WHEREAS, special education departments in some areas of the country including California
14 are providing changing stations for students so that they can comfortably and safely attend
15 to their needs; and

16 WHEREAS, the private sector, including Disney California Adventure Park, offers adult
17 changing stations in their facilities, and international airports such as Orlando,
18 Baltimore/Washington, and Phoenix have installed adult changing stations to aid in the
19 comfort and safety of their passengers; and

20 WHEREAS, more states are considering requiring the installation and maintenance of adult
21 changing stations in large commercial public facilities and certain state facilities, making it
22 a timely and important topic for consideration and study by the State of Georgia.

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

24 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
25 on Adult Changing Stations in Commercial Public Facilities.

26 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
27 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
28 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

43 (6) **Report.**

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

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

51 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
52 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
53 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
54 the Secretary of the Senate.

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

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