

Senate Resolution 479

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Evaluating E-scooters and Other Innovative Mobility Options for
2 Georgians Study Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, reducing traffic congestion, dependence on personal automobiles for short
4 distance transportation, and encouraging private sector mobility innovation is a public policy
5 goal for this state; and

6 WHEREAS, E-scooters are a private sector mobility innovation offering unsubsidized first
7 mile and last mile connectivity while also encouraging community economic development
8 and tourism in this state; and

9 WHEREAS, E-scooters have provided Georgians over one million rides in less than 12
10 months of operation in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, E-scooters offer affordable, clean energy alternatives that reduce traffic
12 congestion and number of car trips; and

13 WHEREAS, review and study is needed to determine how local governments, state agencies,
14 and universities can work with companies providing these and other innovative mobility
15 technologies.

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

17 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Evaluating
18 E-scooters and Other Innovative Mobility Options for Georgians Study Committee.

19 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of four members of the
20 Senate, which shall include the chairpersons of the Public Safety, Transportation, and
21 Economic Development and Tourism Committees and the vice chairperson of the
22 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview Committee. The President shall designate
23 a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

38 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

52 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.