

## Senate Resolution 84

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Kennedy of the 18th, Ginn of the 47th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jones of the 25th and others

**ADOPTED**

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Airport Infrastructure and Improvements; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the current and future economic health of Georgia relies on thriving airports and  
4 an efficient air travel industry; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia needs a comprehensive, strategic business plan to develop state-wide  
6 infrastructure for airports in order for this state to remain economically competitive and to  
7 remain a leader in the movement of goods and persons; and

8 WHEREAS, a study is needed to determine the best course of action with regard to funding  
9 and policy development relating to airports to ensure that action taken over the next several  
10 years will result in the growth and support of this critical industry; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important that such study further emphasizes creating efficiency and  
12 coordination among Georgia's air service providers and aviation industry in an effort to offer  
13 solutions to improve mobility; and

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

19 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on  
20 Airport Infrastructure and Improvements.

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

22 (A) Four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including  
23 the chairperson of the Senate Transportation Committee;

24 (B) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
25 House of Representatives, including the chairperson of the House Committee on  
26 Transportation;

27 (C) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate with expertise in operation  
28 of an airport and with one appointee being a resident of a designated tier 1 county and  
29 the other appointee being a resident of a designated tier 4 county;

30 (D) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with  
31 expertise in operation of an airport and with one appointee being a resident of a  
32 designated tier 2 county and the other appointee being a resident of a designated tier 3  
33 county;

34 (E) The commissioner of transportation or his or her designee, ex officio;

35 (F) The commissioner of economic development or his or her designee, ex officio;

36 (G) The president of the Georgia Airports Association or his or her designee, ex  
37 officio; and

38 (H) The president of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce or his or her designee, ex  
39 officio.

40 The chairpersons of the Senate Transportation Committee and the House Committee on  
41 Transportation shall serve as cochairpersons of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

57 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state  
58 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that  
59 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia  
60 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state  
61 employees.

62 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received  
63 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
64 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
65 from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives; except that  
66 funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative

67 members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise  
68 available to their respective agencies.

69 **(6) Report.**

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

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

77 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
78 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
79 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed  
80 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

84 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall submit the report and proposal required by  
85 paragraph (6) not later than December 31, 2021, at which time such proposal shall be  
86 published and the committee shall stand abolished.