

The House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications offers the following substitute to HR 1093:

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Cybersecurity; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the increasing dependence on technology to power critical infrastructure
3 exposes vulnerabilities in technology; and
- 4 WHEREAS, cyber crime is a constantly evolving threat to businesses, governments, and
5 consumers, with criminals using fast-evolving and increasingly sophisticated methods to
6 attack critical information; and
- 7 WHEREAS, cybersecurity threats are increasing in both frequency and their level of
8 sophistication by disrupting computer information networks, gaining unauthorized access to
9 systems, and accessing personal data, presenting one of the most significant challenges
10 facing citizens today; and
- 11 WHEREAS, there has been a 365 percent increase of attacks on municipalities in the past
12 12 months; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the total average cost for a public sector breach is estimated at \$2.3 million; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a study is needed to better understand whether additional security requirements
15 for privacy protection and increased investments in better internet of things related security
16 measures should be considered.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
- 18 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
19 on Cybersecurity.
- 20 (2) **Members and officers.**
- 21 (A) The committee shall be composed of 11 members.

22 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the
 23 House of Representatives and shall designate one of such members as chairperson. The
 24 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also appoint an additional four citizens
 25 to serve as members of the committee as follows:

- 26 (i) An internet of things expert;
- 27 (ii) A current or retired professor of internet technology at an accredited educational
 28 institution of higher learning;
- 29 (iii) A mayor of a city that has a municipal electric or gas utility; and
- 30 (iv) A county commissioner.

31 (C) The executive director of the Georgia Technology Authority, or his or her
 32 designee, and the director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland
 33 Security Agency, or his or her designee, shall also serve as members of the committee.

34 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
 35 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
 36 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. In particular, the
 37 committee shall study:

- 38 (A) Any privacy protection requirements related to the collection, processing, and
 39 sharing of any data from connected computing devices;
- 40 (B) Methods the state may use to encourage and promote the investment by companies
 41 and the public in better internet of things related security measures; and
- 42 (C) Any additional security or privacy concerns that may need to be considered by the
 43 state.

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

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

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

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

56 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
 57 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
 58 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia

59 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
60 employees.

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

68 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

80 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
81 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
82 thereof.

83 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2020.