

House Resolution 1252

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Sharper of the 177th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Reducing Georgia's Dependence on BRICS States;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, "BRICS" is an intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India,
4 China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates; and

5 WHEREAS, combined, the BRICS members encompass approximately 30 percent of the
6 world's land surface and 45 percent of the global population; and

7 WHEREAS, the five initial member states are members of the G20, with a combined
8 nominal GDP of \$28 trillion and a total GDP of roughly \$57 trillion; and

9 WHEREAS, arguably, BRICS states are the primary geopolitical rival to the G7 bloc of
10 leading advanced economics; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States is a member of the G7 bloc; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2021, Georgia imports totaled \$123.74 billion with two of the state's top
13 import markets being BRICS member states; and

14 WHEREAS, a study committee is needed to determine what efforts may be made within
15 Georgia to depend less on BRICS states so as to increase competition and, in turn, strengthen
16 the country's global financial positioning.

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 Reducing Georgia's Dependence on BRICS States.

20 (2) **Members and officers.**

21 (A) The committee shall be composed of six members of the House of Representatives
22 as follows:

23 (i) One member from the House Committee on Banks and Banking;

24 (ii) One member from the House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs;

25 (iii) One member from the House Committee on Economic Development and
26 Tourism;

27 (iv) One member from the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment;

28 (v) One member from the House Committee on Small Business Development; and

29 (vi) One member from the House Committee on State Properties.

30 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one such member of
31 the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

39 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
40 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
41 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
42 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
43 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
44 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

45 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

60 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.