

House Resolution 1430

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Demand-Side Management and Energy Use; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, energy customers deserve to understand their homes' energy usage and mitigate
4 high power bills through the use of relevant technology and demand-side management; and

5 WHEREAS, natural gas has become the primary source of energy in this state, while the use
6 of coal has been steadily decreasing; and

7 WHEREAS, this state's energy utilities have been increasing the use of solar generation, and
8 the Public Service Commission has increased Georgia Power's solar requirements in the
9 latest integrated resource plan; and

10 WHEREAS, demand-side management can reduce electricity bills and shift energy
11 consumption from peak to nonpeak hours; and

12 WHEREAS, energy customers should know the source of the energy they use for their health
13 and for their expenses; and

14 WHEREAS, a study is needed to better understand how to make demand-side management
15 more common for energy customers in this state and how to increase customer awareness of
16 energy use and programs to lower costs.

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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Use.

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

21 (A) The committee shall be composed of eight members.

22 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the
23 House of Representatives, including the chairpersons of the House Energy, Utilities,
24 and Telecommunications Committee and House Natural Resources and Environment
25 Committee, and shall designate one of such members as chairperson.

26 (C) The executive director of the Public Service Commission, or his or her designee,
27 the director of the Environmental Protection Division, or his or her designee, and the
28 executive director of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, or his or her
29 designee, shall also serve as members of the committee.

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

34 (A) Any privacy protection requirements related to the collection, processing, and
35 sharing of any data from connected computing devices;

36 (B) Methods the state may use to encourage and promote the investment by companies
37 and the public in better internet of things related security measures; and

38 (C) Any additional security or privacy concerns that may need to be considered by the
39 state.

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

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

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

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

52 (C) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
53 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
54 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
55 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the
56 reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and
57 for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds
58 appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

59 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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