

House Resolution 591

By: Representatives Smith of the 133rd, Corbett of the 174th, Burns of the 159th, McCall of the 33rd, Smyre of the 135th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Workforce Housing; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, there is a proven need for workforce housing in the State of Georgia; and

3 WHEREAS, the mandatory state building codes and local amendments to such codes provide
4 clear direction to local officials, builders, and the general public on the methods and
5 materials required for the construction of safe and reliable structures; and

6 WHEREAS, the requirements of residential design mandates exist outside the realm of
7 building integrity and have no connection to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Georgia;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, such requirements infringe on an individual's private property rights and a
10 consumer's choice of building products and materials, many of which are manufactured in
11 Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, such requirements add an unnecessary burden of higher costs to the individual
13 homeowner, preventing thousands of Georgians from owning a new home; and

14 WHEREAS, for the purposes of protecting private property rights, allowing for consumer
15 choice, and encouraging the development of affordable housing options, it would be
16 beneficial to review the existing regulation and current practices relating to locally adopted
17 residential design mandates.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

19 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
20 on Workforce Housing.

21 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
22 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of

23 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
24 of the committee.

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

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

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

33 (A) Members of the committee who are members of the General Assembly shall
34 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
35 Georgia Annotated.

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

40 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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