

Senate Resolution 1024

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate COAM Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the bona fide coin operated amusement machine ("COAM") industry is
3 regulated by the Georgia Lottery Corporation; and

4 WHEREAS, the rules and regulations promulgated by the Georgia Lottery Corporation
5 prohibit certain activities by and between licensees of the COAM industry; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a clear need for additional measures to aid the Georgia Lottery
7 Corporation in the enforcement of its rules and regulations; and

8 WHEREAS, providing such additional measures will further the legislative intent of assisting
9 in the collection of taxes and other revenue; and

10 WHEREAS, providing such additional measures will address the problems facing local law
11 enforcement and the Georgia Lottery Corporation; and

12 WHEREAS, a study of such additional measures and how best to implement them is
13 warranted.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

15 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate COAM Study
16 Committee.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of ten members as
18 follows:

19 (A) Five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The
20 President shall also appoint four citizens knowledgeable about the COAM industry to
21 serve as members. The President shall designate a legislative member of the committee
22 as chairperson of the committee; and

23 (B) The chief executive officer of the Georgia Lottery Corporation or his or her
24 designee shall also serve as a member 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, expenses, and funding.**

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

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

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

45 (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
46 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
47 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
48 appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of
49 state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the
50 expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise
51 available to their respective agencies.

52 (6) **Report.**

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

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

- 60 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
61 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
62 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
63 the Secretary of the Senate.
- 64 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
65 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.
- 66 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2020.