

Senate Resolution 360

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Hill of the 6th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd and Tolleson of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Data Security and Privacy Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, state and local governments are increasingly utilizing technology to deliver core
3 services, resulting in a growing number of government information technology systems being
4 deployed across Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the risk of both accidental and intentional data breaches continues to rise as
6 networks expand and criminal capabilities to breach them increase; and

7 WHEREAS, the Senate has a direct need to understand the state's current approach to
8 addressing this issue and determining the adequacy of existing resources and policies to
9 protect the personal information of citizens stored on government networks.

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

11 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Data Security and
12 Privacy Study Committee.

13 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of eight members as
14 follows:

15 (A) The Chairperson of the Senate Science and Technology Committee who shall be
16 the chairperson of the committee;

17 (C) The Chairperson of the Senate General Government Appropriations Subcommittee;

18 (D) Two members of the Senate who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate
19 based on their technology expertise;

20 (E) The Chief Information Officer of the State of Georgia, or his or her designee;

21 (F) The Chief Information Officer of the University System of Georgia, or his or her
22 designee; and

23 (G) Two individuals from the business community with expertise in cyber security who
24 shall be appointed by the President of the Senate.

25 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
26 issues, and problems that may exist with existing security procedures, practices and
27 systems in place across state and local government in Georgia or related thereto and
28 recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or
29 appropriate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

54 (6) **Report.**

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

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

- 62 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
63 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
64 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
65 the Secretary of the Senate.
- 66 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
67 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.
- 68 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.