

Senate Resolution 1003

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Moore of the 18th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Prescription Drugs for Seniors; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, prescription drug prices are one of the critical health care issues facing senior  
4 citizens throughout Georgia and our nation today; and

5 WHEREAS, for many seniors who live on very limited, fixed retirement incomes, the rising  
6 costs of their prescription drugs are a constant source of anxiety that often exacerbates  
7 existing health problems; and

8 WHEREAS, many drug manufacturers have begun to develop their own plans to negotiate  
9 prescription drug prices for senior citizens in recognition of the increasing burden these costs  
10 create for many senior citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia must adequately review these various plans in a timely  
12 fashion and seek revisions in the coverage where appropriate to ensure that any special health  
13 care agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers properly address the increasing cost of  
14 prescription drugs for senior citizens.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
16 Study Committee on Prescription Drugs for Seniors to be composed of six members of the  
17 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall  
18 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall  
19 call all meetings of the committee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
21 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
22 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
23 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

1 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
2 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
3 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
4 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are  
5 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
6 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its  
7 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report  
8 shall be made on or before December 31, 2002. The committee shall stand abolished on  
9 December 31, 2002.