

Senate Resolution 213

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## A RESOLUTION

1 To create the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority Overview Committee; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the provision of public health services is a vital concern to the citizens of this  
4 state, including the citizens of Fulton County and DeKalb County; and

5 WHEREAS, the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority was created to promote the public health  
6 goals and to meet the public health needs of those two counties; and

7 WHEREAS, the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority is a creature of the General Assembly,  
8 having been authorized by general law for the purpose of providing a mechanism for the  
9 operation and maintenance of needed health care facilities in Fulton County and DeKalb  
10 County; and

11 WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds, as a result of interim study and evaluation, that it  
12 is incumbent upon the members of this body to periodically review the efficiency and  
13 effectiveness with which the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority is meeting its legislatively  
14 created purposes.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 GEORGIA:

### SECTION 1.

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18 There is created the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority Overview Committee to be composed  
19 of the following nine members: three members of the House of Representatives appointed  
20 by the Speaker of the House, at least one of whom shall be from the area served by the  
21 authority; three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President thereof, at least one  
22 of whom shall be from the area served by the authority; and three members of the General  
23 Assembly appointed by the Governor, at least one of whom shall be from the area served by

1 the authority. The appointed members of the committee shall serve two-year terms  
2 concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly. The chairperson of the  
3 committee shall be appointed by the President of the Senate from the membership of the  
4 committee, and the vice chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Speaker of  
5 the House from the membership of the committee. The chairperson and vice chairperson  
6 shall serve terms of two years concurrent with their terms as members of the General  
7 Assembly. Vacancies in an appointed member's position or in the offices of chairperson or  
8 vice chairperson of the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner  
9 as the original appointment. The committee shall periodically inquire into and review the  
10 operations, budget contracts, safety, financing, organization, and structure of the  
11 Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success  
12 with which said authority is accomplishing its legislatively created purposes.

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**SECTION 2.**

14 The state auditor and the Attorney General shall make available to the committee the services  
15 of their staffs in order to assist the committee in its discharge of its duties herein set forth.  
16 Upon authorization by joint resolution of the General Assembly, the committee shall have  
17 the power while the General Assembly is in session or during the interim between sessions  
18 to request the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents in aid of its duties.

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**SECTION 3.**

20 The Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority shall cooperate with the committee, its authorized  
21 personnel, the Attorney General, and the state auditor in order that the charges of the  
22 committee, set forth in this resolution, may be timely and efficiently discharged. The  
23 authority shall submit to the committee such reports and data as the committee shall  
24 reasonably require of the authority in order that the committee may adequately inform itself  
25 of the activities of the authority required by this resolution. The Attorney General is  
26 authorized to bring appropriate legal actions to enforce any laws specifically or generally  
27 relating to the authority. The committee shall, on or before the first day of January of each  
28 year, and at such other times as it deems to be in the public interest, submit to the General  
29 Assembly a report of its findings and recommendations based upon the review of the  
30 operations of the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, as set forth in this resolution.

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**SECTION 4.**

32 In the discharge of its duties, the committee shall evaluate the performance of the  
33 authority in providing public health care services consistent with the following criteria:

- 1 (1) Delivery of services;
- 2 (2) Prudent, legal, and accountable expenditure of public funds;
- 3 (3) Responsiveness to community needs and community desires; and
- 4 (4) Efficient operation.

5 **SECTION 5.**

- 6 (a) The committee is authorized to expend state funds available to the committee for the
- 7 discharge of its duties.
- 8 (b) The members of the committee shall receive the same compensation, per diem,
- 9 expenses, and allowances for their service on the committee as is authorized by law for
- 10 members of interim legislative study committees.
- 11 (c) The funds necessary for the purposes of this resolution shall come from the funds
- 12 appropriated to and available to the legislative branch of government.