

## House Resolution 455

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Medical Care for Prison Inmates; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the statutory responsibility of the state, its agencies, and subdivisions, having  
4 custody of inmates in a detention facility, to provide such inmates with needed medical  
5 treatment and services is acknowledged; and

6 WHEREAS, it is also duly acknowledged that the rising cost to the public of providing  
7 medical services and hospital care for inmates is of growing concern; and

8 WHEREAS, a study is needed to examine the relevant issues relating to the government's  
9 responsibility in furnishing medical services to inmates, including the present practices and  
10 procedures, and the escalating costs of providing such services.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Study Committee on Medical Care for Prison  
13 Inmates to be composed of five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives, including the chairman of the House Committee on State Institutions and  
15 Property who shall be designated as cochairman of the committee, and five members  
16 appointed by the President of the Senate, including the chairman of the Senate Corrections,  
17 Correctional Institutions and Property Committee who shall be designated as cochairman of  
18 the committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
21 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
23 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
24 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee

1 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
2 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are  
3 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
4 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate. In the event the  
5 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for  
6 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2001. The  
7 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2001.