

Senate Resolution 383

By: Senator Price of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Access to Health Care; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the evolution and increase of managed care contracts covering the citizens of
- 3 the State of Georgia have had a significant impact on the way in which health care is
- 4 provided in the state; and
- 5 WHEREAS, managed care has also had a significant impact on the ability of providers of
- 6 health care to make health care accessible to members of managed care groups; and
- 7 WHEREAS, access to health care has been affected by managed care; and
- 8 WHEREAS, certain payors have used leverage in managed care contracting which denies
- 9 access to health care; and
- 10 WHEREAS, significant numbers of citizens of the State of Georgia have expressed
- 11 dissatisfaction with their ability to obtain access to health care; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the state is obligated to take an interest in the welfare and benefit of its citizens
- 13 in regard to their access to health care; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the state Senate recognizes that it has the obligation to study and formulate
- 15 legislation to protect the citizens of Georgia from being denied access to health care.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
- 17 Study Committee on Access to Health Care to be composed of five members of the Senate
- 18 to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate
- 19 a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
- 20 meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
3 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
4 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
7 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
8 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
9 authorized by the President of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions
10 of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the
11 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
12 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2001. The
13 committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2001.