

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HR 745:

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Hearing Impaired; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgians who are hearing impaired deserve access to all areas of community
3 health and social services as they confront limitations in their daily living; and
- 4 WHEREAS, adequate coordination, information, and advocacy is needed to assist families
5 with newborns, infants, children, and adults who suffer some degree of hearing loss; and
- 6 WHEREAS, early intervention programs are needed to provide appropriate services for the
7 child with hearing loss, including nonmedical services, and to ensure that families of the
8 child are provided comprehensive consumer-oriented information about the full range of
9 family support, training, information services, communication options, and educational and
10 placements options for their child; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the various nonprofit organizations concerned with the needs of the hearing
12 impaired and consumer groups that serve individuals and families of the hearing impaired
13 desire opportunities to collaborate, educate the public and policy leaders, and explore
14 opportunities to ensure that "Georgia Hears."
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 there is created the House Study Committee on the Hearing Impaired to be composed of five
17 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The
18 Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee who
19 shall call all meetings of the committee.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues
21 mentioned above and any other issues related thereto and recommend any actions or
22 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 House of Representatives. The committee shall make a
7 report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any,
8 on or before December 31, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31,
9 2003.