

House Resolution 819

By: Representatives Buckner of the 109th, Childers of the 13th, Post 1, Gardner of the 42nd, Post 3, Dodson of the 84th, Post 1, Mosby of the 59th, Post 3, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Liability Insurance Rates for Hospitals and
2 Physicians; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in recent years the hospitals and physicians of this state have seen their
4 premiums for liability insurance increase dramatically causing closure of hospitals and
5 decisions by physicians to change their areas of practice or to leave the state; and

6 WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the citizens of Georgia are in jeopardy if this trend
7 continues unabated; and

8 WHEREAS, there is a need to review the causes of this crisis to determine what steps are
9 needed to provide relief to those who are negatively impacted by these increasing costs.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 there is created the House Study Committee on Liability Insurance Rates for Hospitals and
12 Physicians to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed
13 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of
14 the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of
15 the committee.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
17 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
18 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
19 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
20 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
21 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
22 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
23 committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless additional days are
24 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come

1 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. The committee shall make a
2 report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any,
3 on or before December 31, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31,
4 2003.