

House Resolution 1307

By: Representatives Manning of the 32nd, Shaw of the 143rd, Stephens of the 123rd, Epps of the 90th, Coleman of the 118th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging and requesting the Department of Human Resources and the Department of
2 Community Health to take certain actions with respect to certain services for people with
3 certain disabilities; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the provision of services and support for people with disabilities and their
5 families has changed in recent years to focus less on institutional care and more toward
6 providing home and community based services (HCBS) that allow people with
7 developmental disabilities and physical disabilities to receive the support necessary to live
8 independent and productive lives in the community; and

9 WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide home and community based services and to avoid the
10 use of institutions; and

11 WHEREAS, the state remains committed to providing people with opportunities for real
12 homes, jobs, learning experiences, recreation, and real choice in their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, as of 2004, the 5th anniversary of the Olmstead decision, there are almost 5,000
14 people with developmental disabilities or physical disabilities on HCBS waiver waiting lists;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, helping people remain with their communities now makes better economic
17 sense than paying expensive institutional costs later; and

18 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the General Assembly and the State of Georgia to
19 unlock the waiting lists for home and community based services.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 this body urges the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Community
22 Health to provide the General Assembly with recommendations to support a multiyear

1 funding commitment to unlock the waiting lists for home and community based services for
2 people with developmental disabilities and physical disabilities and that this plan should
3 address both the short and long-term planning lists that exist in both the Department of
4 Human Resources and the Department of Community Health.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body requests that such a plan be submitted to the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives by July 1, 2004.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Board of Human
9 Resources and the Board of Community Health.