

House Resolution 1651

By: Representatives Epps of the 90th, Channell of the 77th, Childers of the 13th, Post 1, Shaw of the 143rd, and Howard of the 98th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the State Public Health System; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the state public health system serves the needs of the citizens of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, county public health departments are instrumental in providing education and
5 outreach services and referrals to pregnant women, children, families, and seniors; and

6 WHEREAS, county public health departments are increasingly called upon to track and
7 provide necessary surveillance data on disease prevention and outbreaks and environmental
8 health concerns; and

9 WHEREAS, the county public health departments are an integral component of the state and
10 national homeland security network; and

11 WHEREAS, the state's 19 health districts collectively protect Georgia's physical and
12 environmental health.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 this body acknowledges the importance of the state's public health system.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is created the House Study Committee on the State
16 Public Health System. The committee will examine such areas as the structure of the current
17 public health system – 19 health districts, 159 county health departments and county boards.
18 The committee will also review the grant-in-aid formula by analyzing funding sources and
19 allocations and examining the oversight and operations of the district health offices in
20 relation to the county public health departments.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee will consist of five members appointed
2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of
3 the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of
4 the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times
5 as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its
6 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
7 The members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section
8 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this
9 resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days
10 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
11 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the
12 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions
13 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2004.
14 The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2004.