

House Resolution 774

By: Representative Benfield of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Health Care Bonds; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, there are many Georgians who cannot afford health care insurance and are
3 without any coverage for the sicknesses, illnesses, and injuries that they face; and
- 4 WHEREAS, many other Georgians can only afford limited amounts of health care insurance
5 and are underinsured for their health care needs; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the people of our state should be the main investment of government; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in the War of 1812 and during World War I and World War II, this country
8 used war bonds to finance the armed forces of this country to fight foreign enemies and
9 patriotic Americans bought those bonds out of loyalty to and support of those men and
10 women fighting for this country; and
- 11 WHEREAS, today, we are experiencing a war against disease, illness, and injury that many
12 of our citizens are losing; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the concept of using tax-exempt health care bonds to fund health care services
14 for our citizens who do not have health care insurance or who are underinsured is an idea
15 worth exploring; and
- 16 WHEREAS, such bonds would be redeemable for services from health care providers and
17 would be easily purchased and transferred and would benefit the citizens of Georgia as well
18 as persons who are temporarily in this state.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 there is created the House Study Committee on Health Care Bonds to be composed of five
21 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
2 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
4 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
5 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall
6 further develop a business plan and feasibility study of pursuing a health care bond program
7 in Georgia. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
8 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
9 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
10 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members
11 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days
12 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
13 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the
14 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions
15 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2005.
16 The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2005.