

Senate Resolution 355

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Harp of the 29th, Thomas of the 54th, Rogers of the 21st, Hamrick of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Health Care Transformation; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the health of its citizens is of primary importance to the State of Georgia; and
- 3 WHEREAS, access to health care services and availability and affordability of health
4 insurance have a direct impact on the lives and well-being of the residents of this state; and
- 5 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the current health care system and to identify its
6 shortcomings and gaps with regard to providing health care services to all Georgians and to
7 study models from other states, including the provision of health care services through a
8 consumer driven health care model.
- 9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Study Committee on Health Care Transformation
11 to be composed of eight members as follows: four members of the House of Representatives
12 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four members of the
13 Senate to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives and the Lieutenant Governor shall each designate a cochairperson from
15 among their respective appointees. The committee shall meet at the call of the
16 cochairpersons.
- 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of issues
18 surrounding the availability and affordability of health care insurance and access to health
19 care services. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times
20 as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its
21 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
22 The members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative
23 members of interim legislative committees from the funds appropriated to the House of
24 Representatives and the Senate but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless

1 additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
2 resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the
3 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with
4 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December
5 31, 2007. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2007.