

House Resolution 668 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE) (AM)

By: Representatives Fleming of the 117th, Harbin of the 118th, Sims of the 119th, Murphy of the 120th, Frazier of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Medical Education; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, physicians play a critical role in ensuring that all Georgians receive quality
3 health care; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the state's population is one of the fastest growing populations in the nation and
5 has increased by almost 900,000 people since 2000; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the state's ratio of physicians to population ranks 37th in the nation as of 2004;
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, this ranking raises concerns that the state lacks the physician work force that
9 its citizens need; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the state has a well established and diverse medical education system; and
- 11 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study this medical education system and to identify
12 ways to expand the medical education capacity of this state including increasing the capacity
13 for clinical training in this state, increasing the capacity for residency training in this state,
14 and increasing the number of medical students in the medical education system in this state.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 there is created the House Study Committee on Medical Education to be composed of six
17 members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of his
19 appointees to serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call
20 of the chairperson.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
3 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
4 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
7 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
8 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless
9 additional days are authorized by the Speaker. The funds necessary to carry out the
10 provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of
11 Representatives. In the event that the committee makes a report of its findings and
12 recommendations for proposed legislation, such report shall be made no later than December
13 31, 2007. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2007.