

House Resolution 721 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE) (AM)

By: Representatives Cooper of the 41st, Tumlin of the 38th, Abrams of the 84th, Royal of the 171st, and Peake of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee to incentivize indigent health care by physicians; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, physicians have an obligation to treat all patients in need of care; and

4 WHEREAS, the number of Georgia's uninsured citizens continues to grow, and payments
5 for physician services provided to medicare and Medicaid patients do not cover the cost of
6 treating those patients; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia physicians have lost money in providing patient care because of the
8 increased amount of uncompensated care costs; and

9 WHEREAS, the state should conduct a thorough review of the reimbursement inequities
10 which exist in the provision of indigent health care in order to best determine the
11 methodologies which will provide maximum incentives for physicians to ensure quality
12 health care for indigent patients.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 there is created the House Study Committee to incentivize indigent health care by physicians
15 to be composed of six members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the
17 committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
18 committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
21 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
23 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and

1 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
2 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
3 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
4 any member of the committee for more than three days unless two additional days are
5 authorized by the Speaker. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution
6 shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the
7 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
8 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2007. The
9 committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2007.