Senate Resolution 672

By: Senator Grant of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Autism; 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 autism insurance coverage and to identify its
6 shortcomings and gaps with regard to providing autism services to all Georgians and to study
7 the optimum means to address these issues.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
9 Study Committee on Autism to be composed of five members of the Senate to be appointed
10 by the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall designate a chairperson from
11 among the appointees. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of issues
13 surrounding the availability and affordability of health care insurance covering autism and
14 access to health care services. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and
15 at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
16 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
17 resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for
18 legislative members of interim legislative committees from the funds appropriated to the
19 Senate but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
20 authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations,
21 with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before
22 December 31, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2009.