

House Resolution 824

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 9 there is created the House Study Committee on Autism to be composed of five members of
- 10 the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 11 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a chairperson from among the appointees. The
- 12 committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.
- 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of issues
- 14 surrounding the availability and affordability of health care insurance covering autism and
- 15 access to health care services. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and
- 16 at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
- 17 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
- 18 resolution. The members of the committee shall not receive the allowances authorized for
- 19 legislative members of interim legislative committees from the funds appropriated to the
- 20 House but shall meet for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In
- 21 the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with
- 22 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December
- 23 31, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2009.