

House Resolution 810

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Meadows of the 5th, England of the 108th, Parrish of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House State Health Insurance Plan Alternative Funding Study Committee; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State Health Benefit Plan provides coverage for state employees and
4 officials; and

5 WHEREAS, the rapidly rising health insurance premiums are impacting state budgets, and
6 the state's fiscal pressures are leading to the need to encourage proposals to change funding
7 and cost sharing; and

8 WHEREAS, many self-insured plans purchase stop-loss insurance to limit their liability for
9 catastrophic losses; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a general trend towards greater cost sharing for all plan types; and

11 WHEREAS, another cost management strategy is to expand wellness and disease
12 management programs throughout the state; and

13 WHEREAS, prescription drug coverage copayments paid by employees continue to increase
14 for both name-brand and generic drugs; and

15 WHEREAS, there is a need for a thorough study of alternative funding, cost management
16 strategies, and reinsurance options in order to provide adequate and effective coverage for
17 employees while ensuring actuarial soundness and budgetary responsibility.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 there is created the House State Health Insurance Plan Alternative Funding Study Committee
20 to be composed of seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

21 The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

22 The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is created an advisory task force to be composed
24 of representatives of the Department of Community Health, a director of human resources
25 from a public school system in this state, the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, the
26 Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, the House Budget Office, the Office of Planning
27 and Budget, the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Judicial Council, the Board of Regents, and
28 third-party administrators and others as approved by the chairperson.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the needs,
30 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
31 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
32 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
33 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
34 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
35 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
36 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless
37 additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
38 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. The
39 committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
40 proposed legislation, on or before December 1, 2011. The committee shall stand abolished
41 on December 1, 2011.