

Senate Resolution 979

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ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Aging Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the older adult population is growing at such a pace that one in four people in
3 Georgia will be over the age of 55 by the year 2030; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly recognized this demographic shift through
5 legislation which charged the Georgia Council on Aging with completing the Project 2020
6 Georgia For a Lifetime Study by December, 2010; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Division of Aging Services, through a unique privatized model of
8 management, provides aging services and programs for older Georgians and their caregivers;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, emphasizing focus on Georgia's burgeoning aging population may help
11 capitalize on opportunities at state and federal levels so that older Georgians and their
12 caregivers can be served more effectively and efficiently, allowing them to live independently
13 longer; and
- 14 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to examine whether the Division of Aging Services'
15 current mission statement of live longer, live healthier, and live well is being appropriately
16 met and to examine the uses of current funding for programs and services for older adults in
17 Georgia; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to identify whether the state is planning appropriately to
19 meet the growing needs of this older adult population and to address other related issues to
20 determine whether any of these issues warrant being addressed through legislation.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
22 Aging Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate appointed by the

23 President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate one of the appointees
24 to serve as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
25 committee.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
27 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
28 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
29 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
30 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
31 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
32 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
33 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless an additional two
34 days are authorized by the President of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the
35 provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the
36 event that the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations for proposed
37 legislation, such report shall be made no later than December 31, 2012. The committee shall
38 stand abolished on December 31, 2012.