

House Resolution 107

By: Representatives Sheldon of the 104th, Rynders of the 152nd, Channell of the 120th, Parrish of the 158th, Cooper of the 43rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Medicaid Reform; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Medicaid serves a vital role in ensuring the health of the needy citizens of this
3 state who would otherwise be without access to necessary health care; and

4 WHEREAS, the cost of providing Medicaid continues to escalate and to require significant
5 amounts of state resources each year; and

6 WHEREAS, with Medicaid enrollment increasing at the same time that states are facing
7 unprecedented budget pressures, there is widespread recognition that expanded access to care
8 is unsustainable without changes in how states deliver and pay for care; and

9 WHEREAS, for the purposes of determining an appropriate plan for Medicaid reform, it
10 would be beneficial to study current policies and procedures of Medicaid and whether current
11 programs are being implemented in the most efficient and effective manner, the federal
12 expansion of Medicaid as authorized under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable
13 Care Act, and models in other states to enable the General Assembly to understand and
14 determine appropriate levels of service and expenses of Medicaid in order to ensure
15 sustainability of the Medicaid program.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that there is
17 created the Joint Study Committee on Medicaid Reform to be composed of 15 members as
18 follows:

19 (1) Five members of the Senate, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

20 (2) Five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House
21 of Representatives; and

22 (3) Five members appointed by the Governor as follows:

23 (A) One representative from the Department of Community Health;

24 (B) One member representing hospitals;

25 (C) One member representing insurance providers;

26 (D) One physician; and

27 (E) One consumer member.

28 The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each
29 designate one of their appointees to serve as cochairpersons. The committee may elect other
30 officers as deemed necessary. The cochairpersons may designate and appoint subcommittees
31 from among the membership of the committee as well as appoint other persons to perform
32 such functions as they may determine to be necessary as relevant to and consistent with this
33 resolution. The cochairpersons shall only vote to break a tie. The committee shall meet at
34 the call of the cochairpersons. A quorum for transacting business shall be a majority of the
35 members of the committee.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may conduct its meetings at such places
37 and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
38 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
39 resolution. Legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for
40 in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Members of the
41 committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall
42 receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they shall be reimbursed
43 for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the
44 committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state
45 officials or employees. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received
46 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
47 authorized. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials,
48 other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to
49 or otherwise available to their respective departments. All other funds necessary to carry out
50 the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of
51 Representatives and the Senate.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a report of its findings and
53 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor, with suggestions for proposed
54 legislation, if any, on or before December 31, 2013. The committee shall stand abolished on
55 December 31, 2013.