

The House Committee on Human Relations and Aging offers the following substitute to SB 62:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to care
2 and protection of indigent and elderly patients, so as to establish the Federal and State
3 Funded Health Care Financing Programs Overview Committee; to provide for its
4 composition, officers, terms of office, duties and responsibilities, and funding; to provide for
5 assistance from other state officers and agencies in the performance of the duties of the
6 committee; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to care and
11 protection of indigent and elderly patients, is amended by adding a new article to read as
12 follows:

13 "ARTICLE 9

14 31-8-210.

15 (a) There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly the Federal and State
16 Funded Health Care Financing Programs Overview Committee to be composed of one
17 member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Governor; one member of the
18 Senate appointed by the Governor; the chairperson of the House Committee on
19 Appropriations; the chairperson of the House Committee on Health and Human Services;
20 the chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means; the chairperson of the Senate
21 Appropriations Committee; the chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services
22 Committee; the chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee; and the minority leaders of
23 the Senate and House of Representatives. The members of the committee shall serve
24 two-year terms concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly. The

25 chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives from the membership of the committee, and the vice chairperson of the
27 committee shall be appointed by the President of the Senate from the membership of the
28 committee. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve terms of two years concurrent
29 with their terms as members of the General Assembly. Vacancies in an appointed
30 member's position or in the offices of chairperson or vice chairperson of the committee
31 shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. The
32 committee shall periodically inquire into and review the actions of the board and the
33 department under this article to evaluate the success with which the board and the
34 department are accomplishing the statutory duties and functions as provided in this article.
35 (b) The board and the department shall cooperate with the committee, its authorized
36 personnel, the Attorney General, the state auditor, the state accounting officer, and other
37 state agencies in order that the charges of the committee set forth in this Code section may
38 be timely and efficiently discharged. The committee shall, on or before the first day of
39 January of each year, and at such other times as it deems necessary, submit to the General
40 Assembly a report of its findings and recommendations based upon the review of the board
41 and the department as set forth in this Code section.
42 (c) The funds necessary for the purposes of the committee shall come from the funds
43 appropriated to and available to the legislative branch of government."

44 **SECTION 2.**

45 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
46 without such approval.

47 **SECTION 3.**

48 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.