

Senate Resolution 897

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Lucas of the 26th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate State Health Benefit Plan Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State Health Benefit Plan provides health care coverage for 650,000
3 teachers, state employees, and others in Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, an insurable group of this size should have a large amount of purchasing power
5 to leverage to competitively obtain health care coverage for teachers and public employees;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the individuals in a group of this size have diverse health care needs and would
8 likely benefit from having multiple options for health care coverage; and

9 WHEREAS, for the purpose of providing the most sufficient and cost-efficient health care
10 options for the teachers and public employees in this state, it would be beneficial to study
11 current policies and procedures in the selection and negotiation process for procuring health
12 care vendors.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
14 State Health Benefit Plan Study Committee to be composed of six members of the Senate to
15 be appointed by the President of the Senate, three of whom shall be members of the majority
16 party and three of whom shall be members of the minority party. The President of the Senate
17 shall designate a member of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee. The
18 chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
21 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
23 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and

24 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
25 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
26 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
27 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized
28 by the President of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
29 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee
30 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
31 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2014. The committee
32 shall stand abolished on December 1, 2014.