

Senate Resolution 1121

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Department of Community Health and the Department of Public Health to
2 collaborate and develop a report of Georgia's strategic action steps to prevent and control
3 diabetes; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 2010, an estimated 1,303,400 Georgians had been diagnosed with diabetes,
5 484,200 have diabetes but remain undiagnosed, and an additional 2,442,400 are estimated
6 to have prediabetes, and the disease caused 12,660 deaths and the fiscal impact, including
7 medical expenses and lost productivity, was \$11.7 billion; and

8 WHEREAS, relatively simple lifestyle changes, such as modest weight loss and increases
9 in regular physical activity, can often prevent or ameliorate the effects of diabetes, so it is
10 incumbent upon us as leaders to take action to reduce the ravages of this disease in our state,
11 and therefore we encourage the Department of Community Health and the Department of
12 Public Health to collaborate to develop a report of Georgia's strategic action steps to prevent
13 and control diabetes which should include:

14 (1) An estimate of the financial impacts and reach that diabetes of all types has on the
15 programs administered by each agency and on individuals, including children with
16 mothers with undiagnosed gestational diabetes, enrolled in those programs. Items in this
17 assessment should include:

18 (A) The number of lives with diabetes and undiagnosed gestational diabetes impacted
19 or covered by the programs administered by each agency;

20 (B) The number of lives with diabetes, or at risk for diabetes, and family members
21 impacted by prevention and diabetes control programs implemented by each agency;

22 (C) The financial toll or impact diabetes and its complications, and undiagnosed
23 gestational diabetes and the complications experienced during labor to children of
24 mothers with gestational diabetes places on these programs in comparison to other
25 chronic diseases and conditions; and

26 (D) The financial toll or impact diabetes and its complications, and diagnosed
27 gestational diabetes and the complications experienced during labor to children of
28 mothers with gestational diabetes places on these programs;

29 (2) An assessment of the benefits of implemented and existing programs and activities
30 aimed at controlling all types of diabetes and preventing the disease. This assessment
31 should also document the amount and source for any funding directed to each agency for
32 the programs and activities aimed at reaching those with diabetes of all types;

33 (3) A description of the level of coordination existing between the agencies on activities,
34 programmatic activities, and messaging on managing, treating, or preventing all types of
35 diabetes and its complications;

36 (4) The development or revision of detailed policy-related action plans and budget
37 recommendations for battling diabetes and undiagnosed gestational diabetes that includes
38 a range of actionable items for consideration by the legislature. The plans and budget
39 recommendations should identify proposed action steps to reduce the impact of diabetes,
40 prediabetes, related diabetes complications, and undiagnosed gestational diabetes. The
41 plans and budget recommendations should also identify expected outcomes of the action
42 steps proposed in the following biennium while also establishing benchmarks for
43 controlling and preventing all types of diabetes; and

44 (5) An estimate of savings, efficiencies, costs, and budgetary savings and resources
45 required to implement the plans and budget recommendations identified; and

46 WHEREAS, the Georgia Diabetes Action plan will serve as Georgia's blueprint for
47 improving diabetes prevention and treatment, community services, family support, and
48 public awareness, and as a living document, the plan may undergo regular review and
49 reassessment to meet the evolving needs of Georgians living with diabetes.

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
51 encourage the Department of Community Health and the Department of Public Health to
52 collaborate and develop a report of Georgia's strategic action steps to prevent and control
53 diabetes.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
55 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Governor.