

## House Resolution 618

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Adult Day Services; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia's seniors are the fastest growing part of its population and as baby  
3 boomers continue to age, Georgia will require community based services to avoid seniors  
4 being unnecessarily placed in institutions; and
- 5 WHEREAS, adult day centers provide a coordinated program of professional services for  
6 adults in a community based group setting, whether the center is a social or a medical model;  
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, adult day centers are designed to provide specific services to adults who need  
9 supervised care in a safe place outside the home during the day; and
- 10 WHEREAS, increasingly, adult day centers are serving persons following hospital, nursing  
11 home, and rehabilitation center discharge and persons with significant chronic care needs,  
12 hypertension, physical disability, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, mental illness, and  
13 developmental disability; and nearly half of all participants nationally have been diagnosed  
14 with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Health is responsible for regulation and  
16 licensure of adult day centers and administration of Georgia's Medicaid program, including  
17 "waivered" services and the nonemergency transportation under which many seniors are  
18 served as Medicaid recipients; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the home and community based services programs in Georgia have seen an  
20 apparent decrease in referrals to and utilization of adult day services under both the  
21 Community Care Services Program and the SOURCE program; and

22 WHEREAS, the broker system and recent changes in Medicaid Non-Emergency  
23 Transportation have had a profound effect on clients of Georgia's adult day centers; and

24 WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has recently issued far-  
25 reaching rules further defining home and community based services, including those offered  
26 by adult day centers.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

28 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
29 on Adult Day Services.

30 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of three members of the  
31 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
32 Representatives. The Speaker shall also appoint an additional two nonlegislative  
33 members of the committee as follows: a consumer or family member of a consumer of  
34 an adult day health center licensed by the Georgia Department of Community Health and  
35 an operator of an adult day health center licensed by the Georgia Department of  
36 Community Health. The Speaker shall designate one of the legislative appointees as  
37 chairperson of the committee.

38 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
39 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
40 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

41 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
42 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
43 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
44 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

45 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

46 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided  
47 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

48 (B) Nonlegislative members of the committee shall receive a daily expense allowance  
49 in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of  
50 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation  
51 allowance authorized for state employees.

52 (C) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
53 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
54 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
55 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

56 (6) **Report.**

57 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
58 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the  
59 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
60 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

61 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for  
62 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)  
63 of this paragraph.

64 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
65 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
66 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
67 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

68 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the  
69 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu  
70 thereof.

71 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.