

## House Resolution 1367

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Pharmacy Benefits Managers Process; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Department of Community Health is responsible for the administration of  
4 the State Health Benefit Plan and the state Medicaid program; and

5 WHEREAS, in administering the State Health Benefit Plan and the state Medicaid program,  
6 the department contracts with pharmacy benefits managers; and

7 WHEREAS, from time to time it is beneficial to review certain aspects of state programs for  
8 the purposes of improving efficiency and transparency; and

9 WHEREAS, the Department of Community Health contracts with pharmacy benefits  
10 managers to provide pharmacy claims processing for the State Health Benefit Plan and the  
11 state Medicaid program; and

12 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to review and evaluate the pharmacy claims processing  
13 procedure to determine if there are areas that could be improved to enhance efficiency and  
14 increase transparency; and

15 WHEREAS, a review should include information from the Department of Community  
16 Health, pharmacy benefits managers, health care providers, pharmacists, recipients, and other  
17 appropriate entities or persons, including, but not limited to, an explanation of the operational  
18 practices at the department, payment practices, and a review of nonidentifying data regarding  
19 prescribed medications.

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

21 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
22 on the Pharmacy Benefits Managers Process.

23 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
24 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
25 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate one of such members as chairperson.

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

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

33 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive  
34 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia  
35 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any  
36 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.  
37 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
38 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

39 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

54 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.