

Senate Resolution 1029

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ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Health and Social Services Integrated Data Platform;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, good data are essential for good policy making in that rigorous evaluations can
4 allow effective programs to be taken to scale and ineffective ones to be scaled back or
5 discontinued, thereby freeing resources for other services; and

6 WHEREAS, in order for the General Assembly to arrive at the most informed understanding
7 of the net effects, both direct and indirect, of the various health and social service
8 interventions the General Assembly develops and resources, it is essential to consider the
9 impacts of any given program across the widest variety of areas; and

10 WHEREAS, the development of an integrated data platform, consisting of the system
11 architecture, data storage and warehousing, software functionalities, hardware infrastructure,
12 and governance structure and processes required for the aggregation and analysis of data
13 from multiple sources and agencies, will allow the net effects of these programs to be
14 delivered in time frames that allow for effective and efficient resource allocation decisions;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, data related to the direct and indirect impacts of health and social service
17 programs belong to the people of Georgia and their elected representatives; and

18 WHEREAS, the submission of data to an integrated data platform on a regular and timely
19 basis by the appropriate state agencies, contractors, and other organizations as identified is
20 required for effective and efficient resource allocation decisions; and

21 WHEREAS, aggregation and analytical capabilities of the data platform will need to be open
22 to all potential users and governed by a defined process for the evaluation and selection of

23 questions that are appropriate to the goal of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of
24 resource allocation decisions within the state; and

25 WHEREAS, it is important to study an integrated data platform, including but not limited to
26 the issues outlined herein, so as to best develop and resource various health and social service
27 programs in this state and to create the most effective platform.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
29 GEORGIA:

30 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
31 Health and Social Services Integrated Data Platform.

32 (2) **Members and officers.**

33 (A) The committee shall be composed of ten members.

34 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint five members of the Senate as members
35 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

36 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the
37 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
38 members as cochairperson.

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

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

46 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

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

49 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
50 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
51 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
52 appropriated to the Senate and House of Representatives.

53 (6) **Report.**

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

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

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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