

## Senate Resolution 349

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Burke of the 11th, Shafer of the 48th, Harper of the 7th, Gooch of the 51st and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Congress to block grant Medicaid funding to be used for indigent health care and  
2 Medicaid funding; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Medicaid program is projected to cover 1.8 million people at the  
4 cost of \$10.1 billion for fiscal year 2017-2018, or 20 percent of the total state budget; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives and Georgia Senate are concerned with  
6 the disastrous financial impact from unfunded federal mandates; and

7 WHEREAS, the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA)  
8 places an unfunded mandate on Georgia hospitals; and

9 WHEREAS, the federal Affordable Care Act has reduced the availability of health coverage  
10 options for Georgians; and

11 WHEREAS, currently, Georgia's physicians absorb substantial uncompensated care and  
12 Georgia's hospitals incur more than \$1 billion in uncompensated indigent care each year; and

13 WHEREAS, this unfunded mandate has raised the price of insurance for all Georgians with  
14 private insurance; and

15 WHEREAS, this unfunded mandate has created the justification for top-down, regulatory  
16 measures; and

17 WHEREAS, the new incoming federal administration has shown a willingness to consider  
18 block grants and refundable tax credits to help all Americans find alternative options for  
19 health care coverage and to support safety net providers.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge Congress to block grant funding to be used  
22 for indigent health care and Medicaid funding.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to each member of  
25 Georgia's congressional delegation.