

The Senate Committee on Insurance & Labor offered the following substitute to SR 329:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Professional Employer Organizations Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, insurance, including property, casualty, and health insurance, is a vital
4 contributor to the health, well-being, and financial security of the citizens of this state; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia has enacted a comprehensive licensing and regulatory scheme
6 governing the offering, marketing, selling, and administering of insurance plans, including
7 statutory requirements for the licensing and regulation of agents, administrators, and
8 counselors; and

9 WHEREAS, these laws and regulations ensure that consumers will receive accurate and
10 informed advice and are an essential protection for insurance consumers in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, professional employer organizations provide a service under which an employer
12 can outsource employee management tasks, such as employee benefits, payroll, workers'
13 compensation, recruiting, risk and safety management, and training and development; and

14 WHEREAS, professional employer organizations frequently provide packages of employee
15 benefits, including insurance plans, to the employees of their clients; and

16 WHEREAS, thoughtful consideration of the role of professional employer organizations in
17 the provision of insurance benefits, including an examination of the need for licensing and
18 regulation of representatives of such organizations to engage in interaction with employees
19 in the provision of insurance plans, may contribute to a better understanding of their proper
20 function in delivering essential benefits to individuals and this state.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

22 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Professional
23 Employer Organizations Study Committee.

24 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
25 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
26 legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

40 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

54 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.