

Senate Resolution 506

By: Senator Dugan of the 30th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Excessive and Duplicative Regulatory
2 Oversight of Community Based Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Services;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) are
5 some of the most vulnerable of its population and these citizens need access to seamless and
6 efficient service systems which address individuals' varied and often complex needs; and

7 WHEREAS, the home and community based developmental disability service programs in
8 Georgia have a waiting list of over 8,000 citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Health, the Georgia Department of
10 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and multiple private contractors are
11 responsible for the regulatory oversight of IDD providers; and

12 WHEREAS, community IDD services are regulated with multiple layers of costly
13 administrative audits, compliance reviews, service monitoring, quality assessments, and other
14 duplicative certifications, and it is timely and important to study these issues.

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

16 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
17 on the Excessive and Duplicative Regulatory Oversight of Community Based Intellectual
18 and Developmental Disability (IDD) Services.

19 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of three members of the
20 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall also appoint
21 an additional two nonlegislative members of the committee that are representatives of
22 providers of IDD services in Georgia. The President shall designate a legislative member
23 of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

34 (B) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
35 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
36 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
37 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
38 employees.

39 (C) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
40 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
41 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
42 appropriated to the Senate.

43 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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