

House Resolution 644

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Health Care Reimbursement; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the health of its citizens is of primary importance to the State of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, the ever-rising costs of medical care is one of the most critical issues facing  
5 citizens throughout Georgia and our nation today; and

6 WHEREAS, access to health care services and availability and affordability of health  
7 insurance have a direct impact on the lives and well-being of the residents of this state; and

8 WHEREAS, there are great variations in the amount of reimbursement to health care  
9 providers by payors, including Medicare, Medicaid, insurance companies, self-pay patients,  
10 and other governmental and nongovernmental payors of health care services; and

11 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the current health care system and the various  
12 types of payors and identify any possible changes to such health care system to address the  
13 differentials in health care reimbursement.

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

15 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
16 on Health Care Reimbursement.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
18 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
20 of the committee.

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

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

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

34 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

49 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.