

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to SR 520:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Midwifery Practices; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the recorded history of midwifery goes back as far as recorded history; and

3 WHEREAS, greater access to midwifery care could serve to lower infant and maternal
4 mortality rates and improve reproductive services; and

5 WHEREAS, midwifery has enduring social and community benefits of wise women
6 supporting women, babies, and communities; and

7 WHEREAS, the practice of midwifery can vary in serving the needs of different
8 communities; and

9 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine best ways to regulate the practice of midwifery for
10 the benefit of all communities.

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

12 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
13 on Midwifery Practices.

14 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
15 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall
16 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

25 (A) Members of the committee who are members of the General Assembly shall
26 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
27 Georgia Annotated.

28 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
29 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
30 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
31 appropriated to the Senate.

32 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

46 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2020.