

The House Committee on Special Rules offers the following substitute to HR 547:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Rural Medical Personnel Recruitment; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, rural hospitals face many challenges in delivering services to patients living and
4 working in the coverage area; and

5 WHEREAS, rural hospitals seek to provide surgical and procedural services despite
6 economic challenges and a lack of availability of healthcare professionals; and

7 WHEREAS, surgical and procedural treatments often require support services in anesthesia,
8 technology, and postoperative care; and

9 WHEREAS, rural hospital executives are challenged to recruit surgical personnel; and

10 WHEREAS, study is needed to raise awareness of the challenges of rural hospitals to recruit
11 surgical personnel and to hire and retain surgical support personnel.

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

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13 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
14 on Rural Medical Personnel Recruitment.

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

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

22 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
23 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. No fewer than two meetings
26 shall be conducted in a county with a rural hospital organization, as such term is defined
27 in Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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, 2024.