

House Resolution 1657

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Medicaid Waiver Populations and Long-Term
2 Financial and Administrative Sustainability; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Medicaid is a joint federal and state program designed to provide health
4 coverage and long-term services and supports to eligible beneficiaries, and Medicaid waiver
5 programs authorized under federal law allow states flexibility in the design and delivery of
6 services to targeted populations; and

7 WHEREAS, Medicaid waiver populations often include older adults, children with complex
8 medical needs, and individuals with disabilities who require long-term services and supports;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, states have significant flexibility in the design of Medicaid waiver programs,
11 including payment methodologies, payment rates, administrative structures, eligibility
12 parameters, types of services covered, and populations served; and

13 WHEREAS, examining the financial and administrative framework governing Medicaid
14 waiver populations will help Georgia ensure compliance with federal standards, enhance
15 accountability, and promote the long-term sustainability of providing services; and

16 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of the Medicaid waiver population, the services
17 provided, and the framework for providing such services to such population will allow the
18 House of Representatives to develop informed recommendations for any needed legislative
19 action.

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

21 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
22 on Medicaid Waiver Populations and Long-Term Financial and Administrative
23 Sustainability.

24 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be comprised of five members of the
25 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
26 with one of such number designated 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, expenses, and funding.**

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

37 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
38 of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
39 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
40 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement
41 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the

42 reimbursement of expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to
43 or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

44 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

59 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2026.