

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to SR 323:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia senior population is rapidly growing and the need to assist family
4 caregivers is growing; and

5 WHEREAS, there are over 1 million Georgians who are family caregivers, and they provide
6 over 1 billion hours of care per year; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature understands the value of family caregivers, having
8 passed the Georgia Caregiver Bill of Rights; and

9 WHEREAS, family caregiving is more than just an act of love and family responsibility but
10 is a critical element that supports the healthcare system; and

11 WHEREAS, family caregivers handle difficult medical tasks including providing injections,
12 managing medical equipment, and performing personal hygiene care tasks for their loved
13 ones; and

14 WHEREAS, family caregivers must advocate for their loved ones, coordinate care through
15 complex health insurance plans, contend with transportation obstacles, and address other care
16 concerns; and

17 WHEREAS, many family caregivers are employed in the workforce, which can create
18 difficulty for such caregivers as they care for their loved ones; and

19 WHEREAS, employers of family caregivers face economic impacts as such employers may
20 lose valued employees because of the family caregivers' care obligations; and

21 WHEREAS, family caregivers confront emotional, physical, and financial concerns as they
22 care for their loved ones; and

23 WHEREAS, family caregivers deserve our support and assistance; and

24 WHEREAS, a study is needed to determine policy goals and identify legislative actions to
25 improve family caregiving.

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

27 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
28 on Improving Family Caregiver Services.

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

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

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

39 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
40 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
41 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
42 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
43 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
44 appropriated to the Senate.

45 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

59 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.