

## House Resolution 397

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Healthcare Quality and Reporting; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, healthcare quality, cost, and accessibility are key concerns for the residents of  
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the establishment of a standardized healthcare reporting initiative aims to  
6 measure and improve the quality of healthcare services across the state; and

7 WHEREAS, a comprehensive system for collecting, analyzing, and reporting clinical and  
8 claims data can improve patient outcomes and reduce overall healthcare costs; and

9 WHEREAS, integrating electronic health records and claims data will enhance transparency  
10 in healthcare services, improve substance use disorder treatment, and foster clinical research  
11 in Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, it is essential to examine the implications of healthcare reporting on providers,  
13 Medicaid recipients, and insurance entities operating in Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, it is in the State's best interest to ensure that data collection and reporting  
15 processes comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and  
16 other relevant regulations; and

17 WHEREAS, penalties and enforcement mechanisms need to be assessed to ensure  
18 compliance with reporting requirements while minimizing the administrative burden on  
19 healthcare providers; and

20 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to:

21 (1) Evaluate the impact of healthcare reporting on Medicaid care management  
22 organizations and healthcare providers;

23 (2) Assess the effectiveness of data integration between clinical and claims records in  
24 measuring healthcare quality;

25 (3) Examine best practices for implementing healthcare reporting and ensuring compliance  
26 among participating entities;

27 (4) Investigate the role of statewide healthcare data initiatives in supporting reporting  
28 efforts;

29 (5) Consider the implications of penalties and enforcement measures on Medicaid care  
30 management organizations and insurers; and

31 (6) Ensure that healthcare providers are not unduly burdened with costs or administrative  
32 requirements related to compliance with reporting mandates.

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

34 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
35 on Healthcare Quality and Reporting.

36 (2) **Members and officers.**

37 (A) The committee shall be composed of nine members.

38 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the  
39 House of Representatives.

40 (C) The Speaker shall also appoint an additional four nonlegislative members of the  
41 committee as follows:

42 (i) One representative from the Georgia Department of Community Health;

43 (ii) One representative from a statewide healthcare data initiative;

44 (iii) One practicing healthcare data analyst; and

45 (iv) One representative from a Medicaid care management organization.

46 (D) The Speaker shall also designate a legislative member of the committee as  
47 chairperson of the committee.

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

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

55 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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

58 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,  
59 or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the  
60 committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the  
61 performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they  
62 are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

63 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state  
64 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that

65 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia  
66 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state  
67 employees.

68 (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
69 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
70 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
71 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement  
72 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the  
73 reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated  
74 to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

75 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

90 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.