

House Resolution 1110

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the General Assembly to support the enactment of legislation to establish and
2 maintain a comprehensive electronic inpatient psychiatric bed registry in Georgia as provided
3 in the proposed bill described herein; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia, like many states, faces challenges in ensuring timely access to
5 inpatient psychiatric care; and

6 WHEREAS, emergency departments, community mental health providers, law enforcement
7 agencies, crisis hotlines, health plans, and families often lack up-to-date information about
8 where psychiatric beds are available, leading to delays, transfer problems, and increased
9 costs; and

10 WHEREAS, several other states have implemented or are implementing electronic
11 psychiatric bed registries, which have led to improvements in locating available beds,
12 reduced wait times, and improved coordination of care; and

13 WHEREAS, legislation proposed in the 2026 session of the General Assembly seeks to
14 establish, operate, and maintain an electronic inpatient psychiatric bed registry with required

15 data reporting, real-time updates, and access for end users including crisis lines, advisory and
16 oversight mechanisms, and privacy protections; and

17 WHEREAS, such a registry has the potential to improve public health outcomes, reduce the
18 burden on emergency services, improve efficiency and utilization of psychiatric facilities,
19 and help the state better plan and allocate mental health resources.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 GEORGIA that the members of this body:

22 (1) Strongly support the enactment of legislation to establish and maintain a
23 comprehensive electronic inpatient psychiatric bed registry in Georgia as provided in the
24 proposed bill described herein;

25 (2) Recognize that the legislation discussed herein should include strong privacy
26 protections, real-time data updating requirements, enforcement mechanisms, adequate
27 funding, and inclusion of both public and private providers;

28 (3) Urge that this registry be structured so as to produce transparent reporting, address
29 regional disparities in access, and be accessible to patients, families, and practitioners in
30 need; and

31 (4) Call upon the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to
32 work expeditiously to implement the registry following passage of the bill described herein,
33 in consultation with stakeholders, and to provide regular reports to the General Assembly
34 on its progress.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Governor and to the
37 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.