

House Resolution 1790

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease); and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease) is a serious, chronic, disabling, and
4 potentially fatal condition that can occur following infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus
5 that causes COVID-19; and

6 WHEREAS, research and surveillance data from federal public health agencies indicate that
7 approximately ten to 30 percent of individuals infected with SARS-CoV-2 may develop
8 Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease), meaning tens of millions of Americans have been
9 affected; and

10 WHEREAS, Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease) has been associated with immune
11 dysregulation and a wide range of serious health conditions, including cardiovascular
12 disease, neurological impairment, cognitive dysfunction, autonomic disorders, autoimmune
13 disease, and organ damage; and

14 WHEREAS, national disability data show a substantial increase in the number of Americans
15 living with disabilities since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, reflecting the lasting
16 health impacts of the pandemic era; and

17 WHEREAS, Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease) affects both adults and children and can
18 interfere with individuals' ability to work, attend school, and participate fully in daily life;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the long-term health, workforce, economic, and educational impacts of Long
21 COVID (Coronavirus Disease) continue to emerge and present significant challenges for
22 families, health care systems, employers, and state governments; and

23 WHEREAS, further study would help the General Assembly better understand the
24 prevalence, impacts, and policy considerations related to Long COVID (Coronavirus
25 Disease) and identify strategies to improve prevention, access to care, workforce
26 participation, disability support, and public health response within this state.

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

28 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
29 on Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease).

30 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 11 members of the
31 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
32 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
33 of the committee.

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

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

41 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

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

44 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
45 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
46 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
47 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

48 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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