

The House Committee on Special Rules offers the following substitute to HR 1891:

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Physicians' Delegation Authority and Supervision  
2 of Georgia's Advanced Practice Providers; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are currently more than 25,000 authorized nurse protocol agreements and  
4 more than 1,000 different physician assistant job descriptions in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Composite Medical Board continues to modify the protocol  
6 agreement and job descriptions for physician assistants in an effort to enhance the approval  
7 process; and

8 WHEREAS, advanced practice registered nurses are licensed under the Georgia Board of  
9 Nursing with protocol agreements being processed by the Georgia Composite Medical  
10 Board; and

11 WHEREAS, several laws affecting nurse protocol agreements cannot be executed due to  
12 challenges relating to policies and procedures implemented by the Georgia Composite  
13 Medical Board and the Georgia Board of Nursing; and

14 WHEREAS, limited training and education is provided for nurses, physician assistants, and  
15 physicians relative to the approval, processing, and administration of nurse protocol  
16 agreements and job descriptions of a physician assistant; and

17 WHEREAS, there is a demand for available physicians willing to enter into advanced  
18 practice registered nurse protocol agreements and physician assistant job descriptions; and

19 WHEREAS, there continues to be scope of practice and public policy changes impacting  
20 advanced practice providers being considered by the legislature.

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

22 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
23 on Physicians' Delegation Authority and Supervision of Georgia's Advanced Practice  
24 Providers.

25 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of nine members as  
26 follows:

27 (A) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker  
28 of the House of Representatives;

29 (B) An advanced practice registered nurse licensed in the State of Georgia who is  
30 operating with an approved nurse protocol agreement;

31 (C) A physician licensed in the State of Georgia who is operating with an advanced  
32 practice registered nurse who has an approved nurse protocol agreement;

33 (D) A physician assistant licensed in the State of Georgia who is operating with an  
34 approved job description;

35 (E) A member designated by the Georgia Board of Nursing;

36 (F) A member designated by the Georgia Composite Medical Board; and

37 (G) The commissioner of community health or his or her designee.

38 The Speaker shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the  
39 committee.

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

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

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

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

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

55 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state  
56 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that  
57 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia  
58 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state  
59 employees.

60 (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
61 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
62 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
63 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement  
64 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the

65 reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated  
66 to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

67 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

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