

House Resolution 1758

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Proxy Caregiving and Medication Administration
2 in Community Based Service Settings; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are thousands of Georgians with physical, intellectual, and developmental
4 disabilities receiving out of home care and support, in 24-hour, seven days a week,
5 residential settings throughout the state; and

6 WHEREAS, most of these citizens, as a result of their disability, require the support of direct
7 support professionals and provider agency staff to ensure their good health is maintained and
8 that their medical needs are promptly and properly met; and

9 WHEREAS, most of these citizens require the support of well trained and skilled personnel
10 to provide medication administration as part of their daily health care regime; and

11 WHEREAS, there is a well documented shortage of registered nurses in Georgia and around
12 the country to meet the health care needs of citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, there are well developed and effective alternative means of medication
14 administration programs around the country which provide for the health and well being of
15 individuals in community based residential settings; and

16 WHEREAS, providers of services to Georgians with disabilities have found it difficult and
17 costly to implement the current laws and regulations related to medication administration in
18 home and community based settings.

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

20 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
21 on Proxy Caregiving and Medication Administration in Community Based Service
22 Settings to explore the development and implementation of possible alternatives.

23 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
24 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
26 of the committee.

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

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

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

40 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

55 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.