

House Resolution 261

By: Representatives Newton of the 123rd, Cooper of the 43rd, Burns of the 159th, Silcox of the 52nd, and Holcomb of the 81st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight of
2 Midlevel Providers; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, state laws governing physician oversight of mid-level providers are complex
4 and difficult to navigate in the practice environment; and

5 WHEREAS, oversight of agreements delegating authority to mid-level providers is governed
6 by multiple state licensure boards; and

7 WHEREAS, the evolving practice environment makes piecemeal approaches to revisions to
8 state laws regarding such physician oversight difficult to implement; and

9 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to evaluate current state laws, as well as proposed
10 legislation to revise such laws, relating to physician oversight of mid-level providers to
11 determine how such physician oversight could be simplified and streamlined to navigate in
12 the practice environment.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA:

15 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
16 Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight of Midlevel Providers.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following
18 members:

19 (A) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, who
20 shall designate one of such members as cochairperson; and

21 (B) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of
22 the House of Representatives, who shall designate one of such members as
23 cochairperson.

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

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

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

37 (6) **Report.**

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

42 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
43 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
44 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

45 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
46 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
47 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
48 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

49 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
50 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
51 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

52 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.