

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HR 261:

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight of  
2 Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, state laws governing physician oversight of physician assistants and advanced  
4 practice registered nurses are complex and difficult to navigate in the practice environment;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, oversight of agreements delegating authority to physician assistants and  
7 advanced practice registered nurses is governed by multiple state licensure boards; and

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

10 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to evaluate current state laws, as well as proposed  
11 legislation to revise such laws, relating to physician oversight of physician assistants and  
12 advanced practice registered nurses to determine how such physician oversight could be  
13 simplified and streamlined to navigate in the practice environment.

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

16 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on  
17 Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight of Physician Assistants and Advanced  
18 Practice Registered Nurses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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