

The House Committee on Special Rules offers the following substitute to HR 388:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Meeting the Demand for Nursing Care in Georgia
2 and Other Scope of Practice Purposes; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that all Georgians have access to quality health care
4 in this state and to ensure that the health care system in Georgia is adequately staffed with
5 appropriate levels of health care providers of all types; and

6 WHEREAS, nurses play a crucial and essential role in numerous aspects and health care
7 settings within the health care system; and

8 WHEREAS, nursing practice has developed to include the implementation of advanced and
9 specialist nursing roles, such as that of the nurse practitioner and the advanced practice
10 registered nurse, implemented through new models of practice; and

11 WHEREAS, there are various levels and types of nurses in this state, including advanced
12 practice registered nurses, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified
13 nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, registered professional nurses, licensed practical
14 nurses, and certified nursing assistants; and

15 WHEREAS, each level and type of nursing licensure or certification requires different
16 degrees of education, experience, and oversight and includes varying responsibilities and
17 authority to perform certain acts and provide certain health care services; and

18 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to examine these issues, including whether there is a need
19 for better and higher levels of education for nurses, whether nurses need to be allowed to
20 practice to the full extent of their education, and how to address shortages in any area of
21 skilled nursing personnel, to determine if legislative action is needed.

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

23 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
24 on Meeting the Demand for Nursing Care in Georgia and Other Scope of Practice
25 Purposes.

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

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

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

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

43 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

58 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.