

## House Resolution 547

By: Representatives Mathiak of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Gunter of the 8<sup>th</sup>, and Hatchett of the 155<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Rural Medical Personnel Recruitment; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, rural hospitals face many challenges in delivering services to patients living and  
4 working in the coverage area; and

5 WHEREAS, rural hospitals seek to provide surgical and procedural services despite  
6 economic challenges and a lack of availability of healthcare professionals; and

7 WHEREAS, surgical and procedural treatment often require support services in anesthesia,  
8 technology, and postoperative care; and

9 WHEREAS, rural hospital executives are challenged to recruit surgical personnel; and

10 WHEREAS, a study is needed to raise awareness of the challenges of rural hospitals to  
11 recruit surgical personnel and to hire and retain surgical support personnel.

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

13 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
14 on Rural Medical Personnel Recruitment.

15 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
16 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
17 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
18 of the committee.

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

22 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
23 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. No fewer than two meetings  
26 shall be conducted in a county with a rural hospital organization, as such term is defined  
27 in Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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

34 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

49 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2023.