

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SR 46:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Improving Access to Affordable Insulin; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the price of insulin has made diabetes one of the most expensive chronic
4 conditions in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, many Georgians with diabetes are unable to afford life-saving insulin
6 prescriptions, even with the assistance of health insurance; and

7 WHEREAS, other states in the country have invested in the development of low-cost insulin
8 products for their residents; and

9 WHEREAS, there may be ways the state can improve Georgians' access to affordable insulin
10 products, including but not limited to ensuring that low-cost insulin products are
11 manufactured in the state; and

12 WHEREAS, study is needed to develop potential legislation or other actions that could be
13 taken to ensure that affordable, life-saving insulin products are available to Georgians with
14 diabetes.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

16 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
17 on Improving Access to Affordable Insulin.

18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
19 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate one
20 of such five members as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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 Senate.

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 Secretary of the Senate. Any member of the committee may file a minority report
46 that shall accompany the majority report.
- 47 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
48 of the Senate copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.
- 49 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2023.