

## House Resolution 131

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, and Wilkerson of the 38<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Health in Georgia; and for other purposes.
  
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia ranked 41st among the 50 states in the United Health Foundation's  
3 2015 Annual Report of Health Rankings; and
  
- 4 WHEREAS, Georgia ranked in the bottom 15 states for rate of obesity increase from  
5 2012-2016, and an estimated \$190.2 billion is spent on obesity-related health issues annually;  
6 and
  
- 7 WHEREAS, Georgia ranked in the bottom 15 states for physical inactivity, and physical  
8 inactivity accounts for 10.8 percent of all-cause mortality, as well as low educational  
9 attainment, socioeconomic status, violent crime, and poverty; and
  
- 10 WHEREAS, Georgia ranked in the bottom four states for percentage of the population with  
11 health insurance coverage; and
  
- 12 WHEREAS, Georgia ranked in the bottom four states for low infant birth weight, which is  
13 one of the five leading causes of United States infant mortality; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia ranked in the bottom 14 states for deaths resulting from cardiovascular  
15 disease, which is the leading cause of death in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that there is a need to study the issues causing the  
17 poor health of many citizens of Georgia and to identify policy solutions that comprehensively  
18 address social determinants of health.

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

20 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
21 on Health in Georgia.

22 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the  
23 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives, which shall include the Minority Leader and two other members of the  
25 minority party. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
26 of the committee.

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

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

34 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

35 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided  
36 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

37 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
38 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds

39 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
40 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

41 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

56 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2021.