

## House Resolution 568

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Dentists and Dental Hygienists; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia should consider joining other states in a dentist and dental hygienist  
4 compact; and

5 WHEREAS, such a compact can help facilitate the interstate practice of dentistry and dental  
6 hygiene and improve public access to dental and dental hygiene services by providing  
7 dentists and dental hygienists licensed in a participating state the ability to practice in  
8 participating states in which they are not licensed; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia has joined numerous other compacts to enable licensed professionals  
10 in our state to treat patients in other states; and

11 WHEREAS, participating in a compact in these essential healthcare fields can help support  
12 medical education in Georgia, members of the military residing in our state, and Georgia  
13 businesses that may be located near a border with another state; and

14 WHEREAS, study is needed to examine dentist and dental hygienist compacts that this state  
15 could join and the benefits and other effects of joining such a compact.

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

17 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
18 on Dentists and Dental Hygienists.

19 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
20 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
21 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
22 of the committee.

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

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

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

36 (6) **Report.**

37 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
38 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the

39 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
40 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

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

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

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