

## House Resolution 629

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House State Health Benefit Plan Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State Health Benefit Plan serves as the state's administrator of health  
3 insurance coverage for state employees, teachers, public school employees, retirees, and  
4 former employees, and their eligible dependents; and
- 5 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the General Assembly to periodically review the  
6 performance of insurers contracting with the State Health Benefit Plan to ensure that benefits  
7 are being delivered as agreed; and
- 8 WHEREAS, there is a need to review, assess, and improve the benefits provided, streamline  
9 the provision of services, and enhance the overall efficiency of the system; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a study is needed to determine possible legislative actions that would provide  
11 quality coverage for State Health Benefit Plan members while ensuring actuarial soundness  
12 and budgetary responsibility.

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

14 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House State Health  
15 Benefit Plan Study Committee.

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

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

23 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee; provided,  
24 however, that the committee shall meet no fewer than four times. The committee may  
25 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. In the discretion of the  
28 chairperson, the committee may meet jointly with a committee of the Senate that has the  
29 same powers and duties of the committee.

30 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.** The legislative members of the committee  
31 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of  
32 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received  
33 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
34 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
35 from funds 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 31, 2022.