

Senate Resolution 263

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Burke of the 11th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Emergency Medical Services Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, emergency medical services delivery in Georgia is imperative to the quality of
3 life for both citizens and visitors of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, emergency medical services in Georgia has not received a study by the
5 legislature since 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, emergency medical services in Georgia has advanced greatly in terms of
7 education, safety, and technological advancement; and

8 WHEREAS, a thorough review of emergency medical services safety standards,
9 accreditation requirements, zoning for 9-1-1 response, and other issues necessary to review
10 could prove beneficial to the welfare of Georgia's citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, an additional review of updates to the regulations and Title 31, relating to
12 Georgia Code requirements for emergency medical services, should be reviewed for
13 significant updates.

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

15 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Emergency
16 Medical Services Study Committee.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
18 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
19 legislative member of the committee as chairperson 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. The committee
24 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
25 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
26 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

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

33 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

45 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
46 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

47 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.