

Senate Resolution 264

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

ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Creating the Joint 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 GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
- 15 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Emergency Medical
16 Services Study Committee.
- 17 (2) **Members and officers.**
- 18 (A) The committee shall be composed of ten members.
- 19 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint five members of the Senate as members
20 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.
- 21 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the
22 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
23 members as cochairperson.

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

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

31 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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

34 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,
35 or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee,
36 but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their
37 duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for
38 expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

39 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
40 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
41 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
42 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
43 employees.

44 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received
45 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
46 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
47 from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives; except that
48 funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative
49 members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise
50 available to their respective agencies.

51 (6) **Report.**

52 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
53 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
54 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
55 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

56 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
57 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
58 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

59 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
60 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

61 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
62 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

63 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
64 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
65 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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