

House Resolution 261 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)(AM)

By: Representatives Newton of the 123rd, Cooper of the 43rd, Burns of the 159th, Silcox of the 52nd, Holcomb of the 81st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight
2 of Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, state laws governing physician oversight of physician assistants and advanced
4 practice registered nurses are complex and difficult to navigate in the practice environment;
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6 WHEREAS, oversight of agreements delegating authority to physician assistants and
7 advanced practice registered nurses is governed by multiple state licensure boards; and

8 WHEREAS, the evolving practice environment makes piecemeal approaches to revisions to
9 state laws regarding such physician oversight difficult to implement; and

10 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to evaluate current state laws, as well as proposed
11 legislation to revise such laws, relating to physician oversight of physician assistants and
12 advanced practice registered nurses to determine how such physician oversight could be
13 simplified and streamlined to navigate in the practice environment.

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

15 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
16 on Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight of Physician Assistants and
17 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of three members of the
19 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, who shall designate one of such members as chairperson.

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

24 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
25 may 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.

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

34 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

46 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of
47 the House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee
48 in lieu thereof.

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