

Senate Resolution 1059

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Nonembryonic and Nonfetal Cell Therapy; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, medical science has had tremendous advances in stem cell therapy; and

4 WHEREAS, this progress has created uncertainty and concerns with regard to the law
5 concerning such research and use of nonembryonic and nonfetal cells; and

6 WHEREAS, in particular, there are concerns with regard to disciplinary action against
7 licensed individuals by regulatory bodies and potential civil and criminal liability; and

8 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the Senate to consider and evaluate nonembryonic and
9 nonfetal cell therapy to determine if legislation is required to alleviate these concerns.

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

11 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
12 on Nonembryonic and Nonfetal Cell Therapy.

13 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
14 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
15 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

23 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

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

26 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
27 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
28 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
29 appropriated to the Senate.

30 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

44 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.