

GEORGIA BILL TEXT

TITLE: Georgia's music therapists; commend

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SUMMARY: Recognizing and commending Georgia's music therapists; and for other purposes.TEXT:

11 LC 94 4215 House Resolution 354 By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Cooper of the 41st, Braddock of the 19th, Oliver of the 83rd, Gardner of the 57th, and others

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending Georgia's music therapists; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, music therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship, helping to address physical, psychological, cognitive, and social function in patients of all ages and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, music therapists are credentialed professionals who have completed an approved music therapy program; and

WHEREAS, the music therapy profession is committed to conducting ongoing research that provides evidence in support of the benefits of music therapy; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, music therapy has been identified as a reimbursable service under the benefits for Partial Hospitalization Programs, and under Medicare's Prospective Payment System, music therapy is not billed as a separate service; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 10,000 and 12,000 Georgians receive music therapy services each year; and

WHEREAS, there are 120 national board-certified music therapists in Georgia employed in residential care facilities, schools, general medical hospitals, adult day centers, geriatric facilities, behavioral and mental health agencies, and private practice; and

WHEREAS, Georgia College and State University offers nationally approved bachelor's and master's level music therapy training programs, and the University of Georgia offers a nationally approved bachelor's level music therapy training program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia offers four clinical internship sites at Augusta Veteran's Medical Center, Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, Clayton County Public Schools in Jonesboro, and the Fulton County School System in Alpharetta; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary work and dedication of Georgia's music therapists be appropriately recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize the benefits of music therapy and commend Georgia's music therapists for improving the lives of countless patients in this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Music Therapy Task Force.

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