

1 (4) The benefits to be included in a basic health care package.

2 (5) How the Access Forum, convened by the North Carolina Institute
3 of Medicine, and other states have proposed to address the problem
4 surrounding access to adequate and affordable health insurance.

5 Sec. 2. The Commission shall consist of 26 members as follows:

6 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint nine
7 members as follows: five members of the House of
8 Representatives; one member who is the president or vice-president
9 of a business employing less than 20 employees; one member who
10 represents a health maintenance organization that provides health
11 care in the State; one member who is a hospital administrator; and
12 one member who is a public member who is uninsured;

13 (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint nine
14 members as follows: five members of the Senate; one member
15 who is the president or vice-president of a business employing
16 more than 100 employees; one member who is a health care
17 provider; one member who represents an insurance company that
18 provides health insurance coverage in this State; and one public
19 member who is knowledgeable about the problems of the
20 uninsured;

21 (3) The President of the North Carolina Medical Society, or his
22 representative;

23 (4) The President of the North Carolina Hospital Association, or his
24 representative;

25 (5) The Commissioner of Insurance, or Deputy Commissioner of
26 Insurance;

27 (6) President of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry;

28 (7) President of Merchants Association;

29 (8) The President of the Foundation for Alternative Health Programs;

30 (9) The President of the State Employees Association of North
31 Carolina; and

32 (10) The President of the North Carolina AFL-CIO.

33 Vacancies in the membership appointed under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
34 section shall be filled by the official who made the initial appointment using the same
35 criteria as provided in this section.

36 All initial appointments shall be made within 30 days of the effective date
37 of this act.

38 Sec. 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one Senator
39 as cochair and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one
40 Representative as cochair.

41 Sec. 4. In addition to its regular meetings, the Commission shall hold three
42 public hearings across the State, to solicit input about the extent of the problem of the
43 uninsured and underinsured, and potential solutions to ensure that all citizens have
44 access to adequate and affordable health care.

1 Sec. 5. The Commission shall submit an interim report on the role of the
2 State in solving the health insurance dilemma on or before the first day of the 1991
3 General Assembly, Regular Session 1992, by filing the report with the President Pro
4 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

5 Sec. 6. The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and
6 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1993
7 Session of the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of
8 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its final report,
9 the Commission shall terminate.

10 Sec. 7. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel
11 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5 and 138-6, as applicable.

12 Sec. 8. The Commission may contract for clerical or professional staff or for
13 any other services it may require in the course of its ongoing study. At the request of
14 the Commission, the Legislative Services Commission may supply members of the staff
15 of the Legislative Services Office and clerical assistance to the Commission as the
16 Legislative Services Commission deems appropriate. The Commission may, with the
17 approval of the Legislative Services Commission, meet in the State Legislative Building
18 or the Legislative Office Building.

19 Sec. 9. The Commission may accept gifts, grants, donations, or contributions
20 from any source. These funds shall be held in a separate account and used solely in
21 furtherance of the study.

22 Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
23 Assembly for fiscal year 1991-92 the sum of \$100,000 and for fiscal year 1992-93 the
24 sum of \$100,000 for the expenses of the Commission.

25 Sec. 11. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.