

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 876**

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Sponsors: Senators Warren; Block, Cooper, Hunt, Hyde, Marvin, Odom, Parnell, Perdue, Plexico, Plyler, Shaw, Sherron, Simpson, Speed, Tally, and Ward.

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Referred to: Insurance.

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May 8, 1991

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S  
2 CONFERENCE ON ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND ESTABLISHING A  
3 STATEWIDE CONFERENCE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE  
4 CONFERENCE.

5 Whereas, obtaining adequate health care is important for the future of North  
6 Carolina's citizens; and

7 Whereas, many barriers contribute in preventing access to health care, such as  
8 not being able to afford physicians, insurance, or enough insurance, and not being able  
9 to get to medical facilities when adequate facilities exist; and

10 Whereas, the General Assembly has proposed to have a Conference on  
11 Access to Health Care, which will allow the citizens of this State to come forward to  
12 express their views on the problems they face in obtaining health care;

13 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring;

14 Section 1. There is created the Joint Steering Committee for the North  
15 Carolina General Assembly's Conference on Access to Health Care.

16 Sec. 2. The steering committee shall consist of the chairs of the House of  
17 Representatives' standing committees on Appropriations, Education, and Human  
18 Resources; the chairs of the Senate's standing committees on Appropriations, Education,  
19 and Human Resources; 10 additional members appointed by the Speaker of the House  
20 of Representatives; and 10 additional members appointed by the President Pro Tempore  
21 of the Senate. These 20 additional members shall include members of the General  
22 Assembly, members of the business community, citizens, health care providers, and

1 representatives of advocacy groups. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and  
2 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint at least two members of the  
3 political party to which the largest minority of the members of the General Assembly  
4 belong. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint the chair and the  
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the vice-chair of the steering  
6 committee.

7           Sec. 3. The steering committee shall investigate the feasibility of using  
8 resources made available from the business community and philanthropic interest to  
9 establish or facilitate in North Carolina during 1991 a one-day General Assembly's  
10 Conference on Access to Health Care. If the steering committee determines that the  
11 establishment of such a conference is feasible through these resources, the steering  
12 committee shall establish and facilitate the conference through these resources. No  
13 legislative funds may be expended to establish or facilitate the conference unless the  
14 expenditure is specifically authorized by the Legislative Services Commission.

15           Sec. 4. Members of the steering committee shall serve without compensation,  
16 except that the legislative members of the committee shall receive subsistence and travel  
17 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1.

18           Sec. 5. The steering committee shall establish program committees for four  
19 public hearings, to provide a forum for all citizens of this State to present what they feel  
20 are barriers to health care, the problems related to access to health care, and possible  
21 solutions to these problems. From each public hearing, a position paper shall be  
22 prepared to present to the General Assembly as a resource for addressing these issues  
23 and drafting future legislation.

24           Sec. 6. This resolution is effective upon ratification.