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SENATE DRS75325-LN-176A (5/13)

Short Title: LRC Study State Health Plan Newborn Coverage. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY CERTAIN ISSUES PERTAINING TO BENEFITS UNDER THE
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR
MEDICAL PLAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Legislative Research Commission may study the following issues pertaining to benefits under the Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan ("Plan"):

- (1) Whether to repeal or otherwise modify G.S. 135-40.6(7) that limits coverage for examination and supervision of a normal newborn infant to only when the mother of the infant is receiving maternity benefits under the Plan.
- (2) Whether to adopt a federally qualified health reimbursement arrangement as an additional component of the Plan.
- (3) Whether deductibles and co-payment amounts applicable under the Plan should be based on income of the Plan member, with lower-income Plan members paying less than higher-income Plan members.

SECTION 1.(b) The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report to the 2005 General Assembly, and shall make its final report to the 2005 General Assembly, Regular Session 2006.

SECTION 2. The Legislative Services Officer shall allocate funds appropriated to the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Legislative Services Commission in conducting this study.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.