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SENATE BILL 1421

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

Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 28, 2004

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
3 STUDY CERTAIN ISSUES PERTAINING TO BENEFITS UNDER THE
4 TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR
5 MEDICAL PLAN.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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