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SENATE BILL 1726

Short Title: NC Institute of Medicine/Membership/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Swindell.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 23, 2006

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE MANNER IN WHICH MEMBERSHIP LIMITS ARE
3 SET FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE AND TO
4 APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE FOR
5 EXPANSION PURPOSES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-470 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 90-470. Institute of Medicine.**

9 The persons appointed under the provisions of this section are declared to be a body
10 politic and corporate under the name and style of the North Carolina Institute of
11 Medicine, and by that name may sue and be sued, make and use a corporate seal and
12 alter the same at pleasure, contract and be contracted with, and shall have and enjoy all
13 the rights and privileges necessary for the purposes of this section. The corporation shall
14 have perpetual succession.

15 The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to:

- 16 (1) Be concerned with the health of the people of North Carolina;
17 (2) Monitor and study health matters;
18 (3) Respond authoritatively when found advisable;
19 (4) Respond to requests from outside sources for analysis and advice when
20 this will aid in forming a basis for health policy decisions.

21 The 18 initial members of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine shall be
22 appointed by the Governor.

23 The initial members are authorized, prior to expanding the membership, to establish
24 bylaws, to procure facilities, employ a director and staff, to solicit, receive and
25 administer funds in the name of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, and carry out
26 other activities necessary to fulfill the purposes of this section.

27 The members shall select with the approval of the Governor additional members, so
28 that the total membership will not exceed 100, shall not exceed a number to be
29 determined by the Board of Directors in its bylaws. The membership should be

1 distinguished and influential leaders from the major health professions, the hospital
2 industry, the health insurance industry, State and county government and other political
3 units, education, business and industry, the universities, and the university medical
4 centers.

5 The North Carolina Institute of Medicine may receive and administer funds from
6 private sources, foundations, State and county governments, federal agencies, and
7 professional organizations.

8 The director and staff of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine should be chosen
9 from those well established in the field of health promotion and medical care.

10 For the purposes of Chapter 55A of the General Statutes, the members appointed
11 under this section shall be considered the initial board of directors.

12 The North Carolina Institute of Medicine is declared to be under the patronage and
13 control of the State.

14 The General Assembly reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this section."

15 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North
16 Carolina Institute of Medicine the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for
17 the 2006-2007 fiscal year to support the work of the North Carolina Institute of
18 Medicine in studying health issues facing the State and to develop rapid response
19 capacity to analyze secondary datasets on health and provide other health-related data as
20 available.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.