

## House Resolution 680

By: Representatives Gardner of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Post 3, Channell of the 77<sup>th</sup>, and Brown of the 89<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Development and Expansion of Community  
2 Health Centers; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, providing comprehensive health care to residents of rural communities and  
4 underserved areas of this state is important to the welfare of this state's citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, to reduce the overutilization of hospital emergency room services there is a  
6 growing need for patients to have access to health care services in the evenings and on  
7 weekends; and

8 WHEREAS, developing, expanding, and rehabilitating community health centers will require  
9 discovering new ways to maximize federal dollars to support such efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, communities that wish to apply for federally qualified community health grants  
11 need support and technical assistance to prepare applications for submission.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 there is created the House Study Committee on the Development and Expansion of  
14 Community Health Centers to be composed of four members of the House of Representatives  
15 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, a member of the Primary  
16 Care Association, a representative of the Department of Community Health, and a  
17 representative of the Andrew Young Health Policy Council. The Speaker shall designate a  
18 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all  
19 meetings of the committee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
21 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
22 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
23 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

1 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
2 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The House members of the  
3 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim  
4 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless  
5 additional days are authorized. All nonlegislative members shall receive no compensation  
6 or reimbursement of expenses. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
7 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the  
8 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions  
9 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003.  
10 The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.