

Senate Resolution 461

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ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Medicaid Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Medicaid serves a vital role in ensuring the health of the needy citizens of this
3 state who would otherwise be without access to necessary health care; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are yet many citizens who have no health care coverage that are in need
5 but are not served by Medicaid; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the cost of providing Medicaid continues to escalate and to require significant
7 amounts of state resources each year; and
- 8 WHEREAS, there is a need to study current policies and procedures of Medicaid and to
9 develop statistics on utilization, costs, and expenses to enable the General Assembly to
10 understand and determine appropriate levels of service and expenses of Medicaid; and
- 11 WHEREAS, there is also a need to review whether new programs are needed and whether
12 current programs are being implemented in the most efficient and effective manner.
- 13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
14 Medicaid Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate to be appointed
15 by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The Senate Committee on Assignments shall
16 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall
17 call all meetings of the committee.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
19 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
20 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
21 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
22 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and

1 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
2 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
3 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
4 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
5 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its
6 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
7 shall be made on or before December 31, 2004. The committee shall stand abolished on
8 December 31, 2004.