

## House Resolution 512

By: Representatives Scott of the 153<sup>rd</sup>, Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>, Meadows of the 5<sup>th</sup>, and Dollar of the 45<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on State Health Benefit Plan Design; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State Health Benefit Plan is a self-insured health benefit product, insuring  
4 eligible employees and retirees of state agencies, authorities, and boards of education and  
5 other educational entities, administered by a third-party administrator; and

6 WHEREAS, with the cost of health claims rising significantly each year, there is a need to  
7 improve the benefits provided, streamline the provision of services, enhance the overall  
8 efficiency of the system, and find new and innovative ways to contain such costs; and

9 WHEREAS, there is a need to review and determine areas where rising costs can be  
10 contained and determine a more cost-effective plan design to better meet the needs of  
11 covered employees, retirees, their spouses and dependents, and the state.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that there is  
13 created the Joint Study Committee on State Health Benefit Plan Design to be composed of  
14 ten members. Five members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the  
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall appoint one of the members as  
16 a cochairperson. Five members of the Senate shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.  
17 The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint one of the members as a cochairperson. The  
18 committee shall meet on the call of the cochairpersons.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
21 or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
23 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
24 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The committee shall meet not

1 more than five days unless additional days are authorized. 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. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from  
5 funds appropriated to the Senate and House of Representatives. In the event that the  
6 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed  
7 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2007. The  
8 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2007.