

House Resolution 1625

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 110th, Cooper of the 41st, Mosby of the 90th, Ashe of the 56th, Graves of the 12th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 To create the House Hospital Tax and Indigent Care Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, nonprofit hospitals in this state receive certain tax incentives and benefits that
4 are economically advantageous; and

5 WHEREAS, many of these hospitals, however, provide only minimum amounts of indigent
6 care to assist the people of this state despite these favorable tax provisions; and

7 WHEREAS, many of these same hospitals have failed and refused to participate in the
8 treatment of state Medicaid recipients; and

9 WHEREAS, many of these hospitals that refuse to assist in the care of indigent persons in
10 any meaningful amounts are compensating their executives with extremely generous salaries
11 and benefits; and

12 WHEREAS, there is a need to review the policies of for profit and nonprofit hospitals in this
13 state concerning the provision of care to medicare and Medicaid patients, indigent care
14 patients, and charity care patients; and

15 WHEREAS, there is a need to review the tax benefits provided to hospitals in this state to
16 determine if reasonable levels of care for medicare and Medicaid patients, indigent care
17 patients, and charity care patients should be a prerequisite for obtaining tax incentives and
18 benefits.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 there is created the House Hospital Tax and Indigent Care Study Committee to be composed
21 of five members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 The Speaker shall designate one of the members of the committee to serve as chairperson of
2 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
4 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
5 or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
6 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
7 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
8 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
9 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
10 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
11 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
12 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event that the committee
13 makes a report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed
14 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008. The
15 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.