

House Resolution 757

By: Representatives Lucas of the 139th, Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 156th, Harden of the 147th, Heard of the 114th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House State Health Benefit Plan Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State Health Benefit Plan provides health insurance coverage for state employees and officials; and
- 4 WHEREAS, health insurance is a basic need in modern society and is most often provided through employment; and
- 6 WHEREAS, recent years have increasingly brought reductions in benefits and increases in employee costs under the State Health Benefit Plan; and
- 8 WHEREAS, it is likely that past, present, and future budgetary issues will continue to place pressure on the State Health Benefit Plan; and
- 10 WHEREAS, there is a need for a thorough legislative study of the State Health Benefit Plan in order to provide adequate and effective coverage for employees while ensuring actuarial soundness and budgetary responsibility, and no such study has been conducted for some time.
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that there is created the House State Health Benefit Plan Study Committee to be composed of nine members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the State Health Benefit Plan and its operations in light of the considerations recited above. The committee shall recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times

23 as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its
24 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
25 The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for
26 legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more
27 than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the
28 provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of
29 Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
30 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
31 made on or before December 31, 2011. The committee shall stand abolished on December
32 31, 2011.