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HOUSE BILL 1339

Short Title: Institute of Medicine/Changes. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn; England and Insko.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 10, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE
3 OF MEDICINE AND TO REMOVE THE CAP ON THE INSTITUTE'S
4 MEMBERSHIP.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North
7 Carolina Institute of Medicine the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for
8 the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for
9 the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to hire new staff, to undertake two
10 additional studies annually at the request of the North Carolina General Assembly, and
11 to support a rapid-response capacity to analyze secondary data sources on health or
12 provide other health-related data to the North Carolina General Assembly and to State
13 and local government agencies.

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 90-470 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 90-470. Institute of Medicine.**

16 The persons appointed under the provisions of this section are declared to be a body
17 politic and corporate under the name and style of the North Carolina Institute of
18 Medicine, and by that name may sue and be sued, make and use a corporate seal and
19 alter the same at pleasure, contract and be contracted with, and shall have and enjoy all
20 the rights and privileges necessary for the purposes of this section. The corporation shall
21 have perpetual succession.

22 The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to:

- 23 (1) Be concerned with the health of the people of North Carolina;
- 24 (2) Monitor and study health matters;
- 25 (3) Respond authoritatively when found advisable;
- 26 (4) Respond to requests from outside sources for analysis and advice when
27 this will aid in forming a basis for health policy decisions.

28 The 18 initial members of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine shall be
29 appointed by the Governor.

1 The initial members are authorized, prior to expanding the membership, to establish
2 bylaws, to procure facilities, employ a director and staff, to solicit, receive and
3 administer funds in the name of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, and carry out
4 other activities necessary to fulfill the purposes of this section.

5 The members shall select with the approval of the Governor additional ~~members, so~~
6 ~~that the total membership will not exceed 100 members~~ so that the total membership
7 will not exceed a number determined by the Board of Directors in its bylaws. The
8 membership should be distinguished and influential leaders from the major health
9 professions, the hospital industry, the health insurance industry, State and county
10 government and other political units, education, business and industry, the universities,
11 and the university medical centers.

12 The North Carolina Institute of Medicine may receive and administer funds from
13 private sources, foundations, State and county governments, federal agencies, and
14 professional organizations.

15 The director and staff of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine should be chosen
16 from those well established in the field of health promotion and medical care.

17 For the purposes of Chapter 55A of the General Statutes, the members appointed
18 under this section shall be considered the initial board of directors.

19 The North Carolina Institute of Medicine is declared to be under the patronage and
20 control of the State.

21 The General Assembly reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this section."

22 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2007. The
23 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to appointments made
24 on or after that date.