

§ 135-43.1. Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits.

(a) The Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits shall consist of 12 members as follows:

- (1) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or a designee thereof;
- (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or a designee thereof;
- (3) Five members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and
- (4) Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker.

(b) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or their designees, shall remain on the Committee for the duration of their terms in those offices. Terms of the other Committee members are for two years. Members may complete a term of service on the Committee even if they do not seek reelection or are not reelected to the General Assembly, but resignation or removal from service in the General Assembly constitutes resignation or removal from service on the Committee. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed.

(c) The Committee shall review programs of hospital, medical and related care provided by Part 3 and Part 5 of this Article and programs of long-term care benefits provided by Part 4 of this Article as recommended by the Executive Administrator and Board of Trustees of the Plan. The Executive Administrator and the Board of Trustees shall provide the Committee with any information or assistance requested by the Committee in performing its duties under this Article. The Committee shall meet not less than once each quarter to review the actions of the Executive Administrator and Board of Trustees. At each meeting, the Executive Administrator shall report to the Committee on any administrative and medical policies which have been issued as rules in accordance with G.S. 135-44.8 and on any benefit denials, resulting from the policies, which have been appealed to the Board of Trustees.

(d) The time members spend on Committee business shall be considered official legislative business for purposes of G.S. 120-3. (1981, c. 859, s. 13.18; 1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1398, s. 5; 1983, c. 452, ss. 1, 2; 1985, c. 732, s. 45; 1987, c. 61; c. 857, s. 1; 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1038, s. 19.1; 1991, c. 739, s. 21; 1995, c. 229, s. 1; 1997-278, s. 2; 1997-468, s. 1; 1998-1, s. 4(b); 2008-168, ss. 1(a), (c), (e).)