

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1993

H

1

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 806

Sponsors: Representatives Green; Alphin, Barnhill, Bowman, Braswell, D. Brown, Burton, Cummings, Cunningham, DeVane, Diamont, Docham, Esposito, Fitch, Gottovi, Hayes, Hensley, Hightower, Hill, Howard, H. Hunter, Ives, Joye, Kinney, Kuczmarski, McAllister, McCrary, Michaux, Moore, Morgan, Redwine, Richardson, Spears, Stewart, Sutton, Wainwright, Warner, Wilmoth, and Wright.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

April 8, 1993

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
2 RESOURCES TO STUDY THE STATE OF PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY
3 CARDIAC CARE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, in 1989, 7,310 people in North Carolina died from sudden heart
5 attacks; and

6 Whereas, the lives of one-half of these heart attack victims could have been
7 saved with fully trained personnel; and

8 Whereas, the Emergency Medical Act of 1973 gave responsibility for
9 emergency medical services (EMS) to the Department of Human Resources;

10 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

11 Section 1. The Department of Human Resources shall study the state of
12 prehospital emergency cardiac care in North Carolina. The study shall:

13 (1) Explore the emergency cardiac care needs of the State;

14 (2) Examine resources currently available to meet those needs, and
15 consider ways to provide early intervention for cardiac related
16 emergencies for all of the citizens of the State;

17 (3) Develop a plan to improve the effectiveness of prehospital emergency
18 cardiac care capabilities that shall address:

19 a Training citizens in cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

- 1 b. Providing access to the emergency medical transportation
2 system via 911 service;
3 c. Training 911 telecommunicators to instruct callers on
4 cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
5 d. Providing training and equipment for defibrillation to early
6 responders;
7 e. Ensuring that EMT-paramedics are available statewide to
8 respond to emergencies; and
9 f. Any other factors related to prehospital emergency cardiac care
10 that the study committee deems appropriate.

11 The Department shall report its findings to the 1994 Regular Session of the
12 1993 General Assembly by May 1, 1994.

13 Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.