

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1476

Short Title: LRC Study Health Insurance Mandates. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Owens, Bowie, Justus, and Blackwood (Primary Sponsors).

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

May 17, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON HEALTH INSURANCE
3 MANDATES TO JULY 1, 2006, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE
4 RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES,
5 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE
6 RISING COST OF HEALTH CARE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 of S.L. 2001-453 reads as rewritten:

9 "**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law. Section 1 of this act
10 expires July 1, ~~2005-2006~~."

11 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of
12 health insurance mandated benefits and the cost to employers and individuals of
13 unfunded health insurance mandates. In conducting the study, the Commission shall
14 consider cost-benefit analysis to determine the cost-efficiency of mandated benefits,
15 including any cost-benefit analysis performed by the Department of Insurance. In
16 conducting the study, the Commission shall consider how health insurance mandates
17 improve patient care, how mandated preventive health services may be cost effective
18 through early detection and treatment of disease, and whether health insurance mandates
19 disproportionately impact small business through increased premium costs. The
20 Commission shall make a progress report to the 2005 General Assembly upon its
21 convening, and shall make its final report to the 2005 General Assembly upon its
22 reconvening. Progress and final reports of the Commission may include recommended
23 legislation.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.