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S 424. STATE DRUG PURCHASING PROGRAM. *TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMISSION ON MANAGING STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS*. Creates 15-member Study Comm'n as title indicates, to include the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Corrections or their designees, the Executive Administrator of the State Major Medical Plan, and six members to be appointed by the President Pro Tem. and six by the Speaker. Requires that Comm'n study the feasibility of establishing an Office for Prescription Drug Cost Management to manage prescription drug costs of State agencies and programs, including the estimated costs of prescription drugs, existing contractual obligations of agencies to purchase prescription drugs or pay for prescription insurance coverage, and the amount of time and money needed to establish Office. Requires that Comm'n submit a final report to General Assembly no later than convening of 2007 General Assembly, at which point Comm'n terminates. Effective July 1, 2005.

Intro. by Boseman.

Ref. to Rules STUDY