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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 191

Requesting the Joint Commission on Health Care to study the feasibility of developing a school-based health insurance plan.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 1994

Agreed to by the Senate, March 8, 1994

WHEREAS, by some estimates there could be as many as 11.2 million children in this country who are not covered by any health insurance plan, private or public; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 the state of Florida legislatively created the first nonprofit corporation to design a health insurance plan for the state's 720,000 uninsured school children and their siblings; and

WHEREAS, since that time several states have developed alternative methods of providing similar coverage targeting preventative care, with some of the plans being funded by Medicaid grants and HUD grants and others by private foundations; and

WHEREAS, preliminary data indicates that these alternatives are reducing health care costs, both individually and to the public overall, and are improving school attendance particularly by students from low-income families; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of children in the Commonwealth are not covered by either a parent's health care plan or Medicaid; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Commission on Health Care be requested to study the feasibility of developing a school-based alternative health insurance plan. The Commission shall review available data on the programs in existence in other states, including the costs and impact of such programs, and shall explore funding alternatives for the programs.

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1995 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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