HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 474

Requesting the Department of Personnel and Training to study the efficacy of establishing and administering a health care plan for retired state employees, public school teachers, and political subdivision employees.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 1995 Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1995

WHEREAS, there are approximately 72,000 retired public employees of the Commonwealth receiving benefits from the Virginia Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, many of those retirees are not covered under an employer-sponsored health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, the cost of health care has risen steadily over the years; and

WHEREAS, many retirees cannot afford the cost of health care and/or health insurance; and

WHEREAS, for many, a group health insurance plan would make quality health care available and enhance the quality of their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Personnel and Training be requested to study the efficacy of establishing and administering a health care plan for all beneficiaries of the Virginia Retirement System and for retired state employees participating in optional retirement programs, the cost of which will be borne by such beneficiaries.

The Department of Personnel and Training shall submit a report of its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before September 15, 1995, as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.