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S 822. STATE SELF-FUNDED HEALTH CARE PLAN. *TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN TO ADOPT AN ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTIONAL PREPAID HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL BENEFITS PROGRAM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THOSE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.* Amends GS 135-39.5B as title indicates, providing that the optional program is to be state-funded.

Intro. by Rand.

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S 822. STATE SELF-FUNDED HEALTH CARE PLAN. Intro. 4/3/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN TO ADOPT ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPTIONAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL BENEFITS PROGRAMS AS ALTERNATIVES TO THOSE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE; TO TRANSFER ADMINISTRATION OF THE LONG-TERM CARE BENEFITS OF THE PLAN TO THE STATE TREASURER; TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN HOSPITALS, HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES, PHYSICIANS OR OTHER MEDICAL PROVIDERS, OR A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER AND THE PLAN ARE CONFIDENTIAL; TO CLARIFY THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWED FOR PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE FOR TERMINATED EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES UNDER THE PLAN; TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY A CLINICAL PHARMACIST PRACTITIONER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE PRODUCTS FOR RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES.* As title indicates amends various provisions of GS Ch. 135 and 58. Creation of Long-Term Care Plan and its administration by State Treasurer is accomplished by new Art. 7, GS 135, effective July 1, 2002. GS 135-40.4 is amended to provide for the confidentiality of contracts between doctors, hospitals, and other medical providers and the Plan; exceptions are made for disclosure to the Attorney General, State Auditor and other officials. Amends GS 135-40.6 to provide that certain services of a clinical pharmacist practitioner are payable under the plan. Effective Jan. 1, 2002, amends GS 135-40.1 to provide that for employees not eligible for Medicare who select the optional plan, the deductible is \$500 each fiscal year, and the aggregate maximum deductible for those selecting the optional plan is \$1,500 each fiscal year. Effective Jan. 1, 2002, amends GS 135-40.4(a) to set deductibles and cost-sharing limits under the optional benefit plan. Effective Jan. 1, 2002, amends GS 135-40.5(g) to set an annual deductible of \$50 for prescriptions for employees not eligible for Medicare who select the optional benefit plan. Similarly amends GS 135-40.6 to set an annual deductible of \$500 per individual and \$1,500 per family. Effective Jan. 1, 2002, enacts new Art. 31, GS 58 to direct the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' retirement system to review insurance products offered through retirement benefit payment deduction to retired state employees to determine if those products meet the needs and desires of retired employees, to select the types of insurance products that reflect the needs and desires of retired employees, and to competitively select the best insurance products of the types determined by the State Treasurer and Board to reflect the needs and desires of the retired employees. Establishes methods for competitive selection and procedures for purchase and deduction by retired employees.

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