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H 822. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE/EARLY INTERVENTION. *TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO COVER MEDICALLY NECESSARY EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO THREE YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE COVERED UNDER THE PLAN.* Enacts GS 58-51-36 as title indicates. Provides that services covered are those that are part of the child's Individualized Family Services Plan and that services covered may be limited to \$5,000 annually and not more than \$15,000 over the three-year eligibility period. Coverage is required only for those services not covered by Medicaid or other public assistance programs and are to be provided by a specialist in accordance with rules adopted by the Sec'y of Health and Human Services. Makes conforming amendment to GS 58-50-155. Effective Jan. 1, 2004, and applies to plans issued or renewed on and after that date.

Intro. by Alexander.

Ref. to Insurance	GS 58
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H 822. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE/EARLY INTERVENTION. Intro. 4/1/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends definition of Health Benefit Plan to specify that it includes the Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan.