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moves to amend the bill on page 3, lines 13-14, by inserting the following between the lines:

**"PART III. HEALTHCARE COSTS AND OUTCOMES STUDY COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 3.(a)** Establishment. – The North Carolina Study Committee on Healthcare Costs and Outcomes (Committee) is established.

**SECTION 3.(b)** Membership. – The Committee shall be composed of 14 members as follows:

- (1) One person appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (2) One person appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (3) One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
- (4) One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
- (5) The following individuals appointed by the Governor:
  - a. A physician licensed under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
  - b. A nurse licensed under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
  - c. A physician specializing in psychiatry, a psychologist, a licensed clinical mental health counselor, or a professional counselor, all of whom must be licensed under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
  - d. A representative from a hospital.
  - e. A representative from a pharmaceutical company.
  - f. A representative from an independent pharmacy.
  - g. A representative of patient interests.
- (6) The State Treasurer or the State Treasurer's designee.



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- 1 (7) The Commissioner of Insurance or the Commissioner's designee.  
2 (8) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or the  
3 Secretary's designee.

4 The Committee shall have two cochairs, one designated by the President Pro Tempore of the  
5 Senate and one designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from among the  
6 legislative appointees. The Committee shall meet on the call of the chairs, and a majority of the  
7 Committee shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority. All  
8 appointments shall be made, and the Committee shall begin its work, no later than April 1, 2025.

9 **SECTION 3.(c) Duties.** – The Committee shall study the causes of the high  
10 healthcare costs and low healthcare outcomes in the State and shall make recommendations,  
11 including legislation, designed to reduce the cost of healthcare while improving the quality and  
12 outcomes of care. In studying the drivers of costs and outcomes and making recommendations,  
13 the Committee shall consider at least the following factors:

- 14 (1) The makeup of the healthcare marketplace in the State, including (i) insurance  
15 coverage of the State's population, (ii) types of healthcare providers and  
16 medical facilities in the State, and (iii) regions of the State without healthcare  
17 providers or medical facilities.  
18 (2) Health outcomes, broken down by age, gender, race, region, income level,  
19 whether the patient had insurance, and, if so, what type of insurance.  
20 (3) An assessment of access to healthcare, including how access or lack of access  
21 may drive costs and outcomes.  
22 (4) An assessment of State-level health benefit insurance mandates, including the  
23 costs and savings those benefits have for private insurers, the State Health  
24 Plan for Teachers and State Employees, and the individuals covered by private  
25 insurance and the State Health Plan.  
26 (5) An assessment of medical debt in the State, broken down by age, gender, race,  
27 region, income level, whether the patient had insurance, and, if so, what type  
28 of insurance.  
29 (6) An assessment of how drug prices drive healthcare costs and outcomes.  
30 (7) An assessment of the impact regulatory burdens have on the cost of healthcare.  
31 (8) Any other topics deemed necessary by the Committee.

32 **SECTION 3.(d) Compensation and Administration.** – Members of the Committee  
33 shall receive subsistence and travel allowances at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or  
34 138-6, as appropriate. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the  
35 Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of  
36 the Committee. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Committee  
37 may hold its meetings in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building. The  
38 Committee may also meet at various locations around the State in order to promote greater public  
39 participation in its deliberations. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may  
40 exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through  
41 G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents, agencies, and departments of  
42 the State to provide any information, data, or documents within their possession, ascertainable  
43 from their records or otherwise available to them, and the power to subpoena witnesses.

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1           **SECTION 3.(e)** Report. – The Committee shall report its findings, including any  
2 proposed legislation, to the 2025-26 General Assembly no later than March 31, 2026. The  
3 Committee shall dissolve on April 1, 2026.

4           **SECTION 3.(f)** Effective Date. – This section is effective when it becomes law.";  
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6 and by renumbering the remaining parts and sections accordingly.

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