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SENATE BILL 31

Short Title: DHR to Study Domiciliary Care Homes.

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Sponsors: Senators Cochrane, Carpenter, Martin of Pitt, Richardson, and Speed.

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Referred to: Children and Human Resources.

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February 3, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
STUDY THE ISSUE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOMICILIARY CARE  
HOMES AND RECOMMEND A SPECIFIC METHOD FOR RATE SETTING.

Whereas, G.S. 131D-3 establishes cost and revenue reporting requirements  
for domiciliary homes; and

Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly specifically sets the  
State/county special assistance rates that reimburse domiciliary homes; and

Whereas, the rates for these homes may not bear any real relationship to the  
cost data; and

Whereas, there may be a better method for rate setting than this one being  
currently used; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Human Resources shall study the issue of  
reimbursement for domiciliary care homes and shall recommend a specific method for  
rate setting.

This study shall consider:

- (1) What the purpose of domiciliary care is and should be;
- (2) What the structure of the rates shall be;
- (3) How the levels of payment should be determined;
- (4) How the system of rate setting shall be administered;
- (5) What the adequate number of domiciliary care beds is and whether this  
number should be controlled by the State; and
- (6) Any other issue the Department finds necessary to study.

1           The Department shall report its progress on the study to the North Carolina  
2 Study Commission on Aging on or before October 1, 1993. The Department shall make  
3 a final report of the results of its study, together with any legislative proposals, to the  
4 1993 General Assembly by March 1, 1994.

5           Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.