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**HOUSE BILL 1559\***

Short Title: Group Health Insurance/Long-Term Care Staff. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Earle; Bell, Easterling, Hackney, Insko, Lucas, Wainwright, Weiss, Willingham, and Wright.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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June 6, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES TO STUDY WAYS TO ESTABLISH A GROUP HEALTH  
4 INSURANCE PURCHASING ARRANGEMENT FOR LONG-TERM CARE  
5 STAFF.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, in  
8 consultation with the Department of Insurance, shall study ways to establish a group  
9 health insurance purchasing arrangement for staff, including paraprofessionals, in  
10 residential and nonresidential long-term care facilities and agencies, as described in  
11 Recommendation #22 of the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Long-Term Care Task Force  
12 Final Report of January 2001. The Department shall report its findings and  
13 recommendations to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging on or before  
14 January 1, 2003.

15       **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.