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HOUSE BILL 1339

Short Title: DHHS Study/Medical Provider Rates. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives England; M. Alexander, Current, and Lucas.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Appropriations.

April 9, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO
2 CONDUCT A STUDY OF PROVIDER MEDICAL RATES TO DETERMINE THE
3 EQUITY OF EXISTING RATES AMONG PROVIDERS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical
7 Assistance, shall conduct a study of rate equity for medical providers. The study shall include
8 the following:

9 (1) The cost of providing services, capital costs, and medical malpractice
10 insurance.

11 (2) A review of medical providers for a stand-alone payment method, including
12 the consideration of a private consultant to perform the rate-setting process.

13 **SECTION 2.** Not later than October 1, 2009, the Department shall report its
14 findings and recommendations to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human
15 Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human
16 Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

17 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

