

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1707

Short Title: SHP/ Age-Out Dependents; Tobacco Use Testing. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Holliman, Tarleton, Gill, Jackson (Primary Sponsors);
M. Alexander, Cotham, Dockham, Dollar, Fisher, Glazier, Goforth, Harrison,
Hughes, Insko, Parfitt, Ross, and Weiss.

Referred to: Insurance, if favorable, Appropriations.

May 17, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT (1) TO ALLOW ALREADY ENROLLED DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER
2 THE AGE OF TWENTY-SIX WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EMPLOYER-BASED
3 HEALTH CARE TO REMAIN ON THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN
4 FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES FOR PLAN YEAR 2010-2011 AND (2)
5 TO DIRECT THE STATE HEALTH PLAN TO CONSULT WITH THE COMMITTEE
6 ON HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL BENEFITS BEFORE IMPLEMENTING ANY
7 TOBACCO USE TESTING PROGRAM.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the requirement in G.S. 135-45.2(d)(1) that a
10 dependent child less than 26 years of age be a full-time student to be eligible for coverage, a
11 dependent child enrolled in the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State
12 Employees as of May 1, 2010, may remain on the Plan through the end of the month following
13 the dependent child's 26th birthday, regardless of the dependent child's status as a full-time
14 student, provided that the dependent child is not eligible for other employer sponsored health
15 benefit coverage as a primary beneficiary or spousal dependent.

16 **SECTION 2.** The Executive Administrator of the State Health Plan for Teachers
17 and State Employees shall consult with the Committee on Employee and Hospital Medical
18 Benefits prior to implementing any program to verify tobacco usage by members of the Plan.

19 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act is effective June 1, 2010, and is repealed
20 effective July 1, 2011. The remainder of the act is effective when it becomes law.
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