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HOUSE BILL 293\*

Short Title: GPAC/Gov. Health Office.

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Sponsors: (by request) Representatives Blue, Barnes, Diamont, Hackney, Hensley, H. Hunter, G. Miller, Nesbitt, and Robinson.

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Referred to: Health and Human Services.

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February 25, 1993

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
3 PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE FOR  
4 HEALTH CARE WITHIN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the  
7 following new Article to read:

8 **"ARTICLE 64.**

9 **"OFFICE FOR HEALTH CARE.**

10 **"§ 143-590. Office for Health Services Planning established.**

11 There is established in the Office of the Governor an Office for Health Services  
12 Planning. The purpose of this office is to act as the central agent for the design,  
13 coordination, and implementation of a strategy to meet the health care needs of the  
14 State.

15 **"§ 143-591. Office for Health Services Planning – organization; powers and duties.**

16 (a) The Office for Health Services Planning shall be organized as prescribed by  
17 the Governor and shall exercise the following powers and duties:

18 (1) Develop a long-range strategic plan for the efficient and effective  
19 delivery of health care services in the State;

20 (2) Initiate formal collaborative efforts among State agencies and  
21 programs that purchase or deliver health care services in order to  
22 address the problems of duplication and cost-shifting;

- 1           (3) Create a central database of purchased health care services for use in  
2           policy formulation, reimbursement analysis, and negotiating better  
3           arrangements with health care providers;  
4           (4) Other activities deemed by the Governor to be necessary and  
5           appropriate for carrying out the purpose of the Office.  
6       (b) The Governor shall report annually to the General Assembly on the activities,  
7 progress, findings, and recommendations of the Office for Health Care Planning."  
8           Sec. 2. Nothing in this act shall obligate the General Assembly to appropriate  
9 additional funds to the Office of the Governor for the purpose of implementing this act.  
10          Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.