

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

(By Delegate Anderson, Andes, Armstead, Ashley, Azinger,
Barill, Barker, Boggs, Border, Brown, Butcher,
D.Campbell, T.Campbell, Canterbury, Caputo, Carmichael,
Cowles, Craig, Doyle, Duke, Ellington, Ennis, Evans, Ferns,
Ferro, Fleischauer, Fragale, Frazier, Gearheart, Givens,
Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Hartman, Hatfield, Hunt, Iaquina,
Ireland, Jones, Kominar, Kump, Lawrence, Manypenny, Martin,
Moore, Morgan, Nelson, Pasdon, Perdue, Perry, Pethel,
L.Phillips, R. Phillips, Pino, D.Poling, Poore, Reynolds,
Rodighiero, Romine, Rowan, Savilla, Shaver, Sigler, Skaff,
Snuffer, Staggers, Storch, Stowers, Swartzmiller, Talbott,
Varner, Walters, Wells and Williams)

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Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to study
the rural health initiative to determine the most effective
manner to provide rural health opportunities in the state, the
impact of changing the infrastructure of consortia, the impact
on rural health services, the method of coordination of
services between the schools and communities, the rural health
opportunities for mid-level practitioners and other areas
determined by the study participants.

WHEREAS, A continual need exists to enhance and preserve
adequate health care for persons residing in rural areas of the
state; and

WHEREAS, The rural health initiative was created in 1991 to
bring health care professional students into rural areas to expose
them to practice opportunities in these areas; and

WHEREAS, In the twenty years since its inception, this program

1 has brought hundred of students into rural West Virginia to
2 experience rural healthcare in practice; and

3 WHEREAS, Changing the infrastructure and funding of this
4 program could adversely affect the progress that this program has
5 made to rural health care; therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

7 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby
8 requested to study the rural health initiative to determine the
9 most effective manner to provide rural health opportunities in the
10 state, the impact of changing the infrastructure of consortia, the
11 impact on rural health services, the method of coordination of
12 services between the schools and communities, the rural health
13 opportunities for mid-level practitioners and other areas
14 determined by the study participants; and, be it

15 *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and
16 Finance shall work with a representative of each of the medical
17 schools, two representatives of the existing consortia, two
18 providers of rural health rotations for the medical schools and two
19 individuals who have participated in the rural health initiative
20 and are current students or recent graduates; and, be it

21 *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and
22 Finance Report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on
23 its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with drafts
24 of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations;

1 and, be it

2 *Further Resolved*, That the expenses necessary to conduct this
3 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be
4 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on
5 Government and Finance.