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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121
 2 BY DELUHERY, BLACK, BOLKCOM, CONNOLLY, DEARDEN,
 3 DVORSKY, FINK, FLYNN, FRAISE, GRONSTAL, HAMMOND,
 4 HANSEN, HARPER, HORN, JUDGE, KIBBIE, MCCOY, SHEARER,
 5 SOUKUP, and SZYMONIAK

6 A Senate Resolution requesting an interim study
 7 regarding assignment of benefits under an insurance
 8 policy or contract or a health benefit plan.

9 WHEREAS, the effects of the assignment of benefits
 10 under an insurance policy or contract or a health
 11 benefit plan, which would provide payment of benefits
 12 directly from a health insurance carrier or organized
 13 delivery system to a provider, are uncertain; and

14 WHEREAS, the competing views of the impact of the
 15 assignment of benefits are that such assignment may
 16 either provide increased consumer choice and
 17 efficiency in the billing process or, conversely,
 18 increase costs to consumers and result in provider
 19 billings to consumers for unpaid balances; and

20 WHEREAS, the impact on the state budget under an
 21 assignment of benefits provision is undetermined; and

22 WHEREAS, the General Assembly requires additional
 23 information to determine the fiscal and practical
 24 effects of assignment of benefits; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Legislative
 26 Council is requested to establish an interim committee
 27 to review the issue of assignment of benefits,
 28 including the fiscal effects and the effects on
 29 consumers; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the

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1 interim committee include representatives of
2 consumers, the insurance industry and organized
3 delivery systems, organizations that represent
4 employees that have health insurance benefits,
5 physicians, hospital organizations, the commissioner
6 of insurance or the commissioner's designee, and four
7 members of the General Assembly equally representing
8 the Senate and the House of Representatives and both
9 political parties; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee
11 submit a report of its findings and recommendations
12 relating to assignment of benefits to the General
13 Assembly by December 15, 2000.

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