

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

FOR A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HAD AND WILL IN THE FUTURE HAVE ON QUALITY HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the legislation authorizing the establishment of Health Maintenance Organizations in the State was first enacted in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of such legislation was to encourage methods of treatment and controls over quality of care that would help contain costs of medical care in the State; and

WHEREAS, the operation of such organizations in the State has now been permitted for more than ten years and no study has been made to determine whether such organizations are accomplishing the purposes stated in the legislation authorizing their operation,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

The Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor shall make a study to determine the effects that the operation of Health Maintenance Organizations has had on the quality and cost of health care in the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly.