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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT METHOD FOR THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** For the period of January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021, the State Treasurer, the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees (State Health Plan), the Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan, and the Executive Administrator of the State Health Plan are directed to continue to utilize the Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Blue Options provider network and to reimburse participating network providers in accordance with 100% of the applicable fee schedule. Further, the State Health Plan, the Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan, and the Executive Administrator of the State Health shall not implement or utilize any reference-based pricing model to reimburse providers during the period specified by this section. This section shall not apply to any Medicare advantage plans or plans described in G.S. 135-48.40(e) offered by the State Health Plan.

**SECTION 2.** There is created the Joint Legislative Study Committee on the Sustainability of the North Carolina State Health Plan (Committee). The Committee shall study ways to ensure the fiscal sustainability of the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees.

The Committee shall consist of four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one representative to serve as cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one senator to serve as cochair. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the same appointing authority making the initial appointment. A quorum shall be a majority of the Committee.

The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Committee may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs.

The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Directors of Legislative Assistants of the Senate and of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical staff to the Committee and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the Committee. Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1.



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The Committee shall submit a final report no later than **May 20, 2020**, to the chairs of the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, the chairs of the Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division. This final report shall contain the results of the study, including any Committee recommendations regarding the fiscal sustainability of the State Health Plan. The Committee shall terminate upon filing its final report, or on May 20, 2020, whichever date is later.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.