

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1682**

Short Title: State Health Plan/Pool Purchase of Drugs.

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Sponsors: Representatives Blue; and Insko.

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Referred to: Health.

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June 13, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TEACHERS'  
3 AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN TO  
4 NEGOTIATE WITH ADMINISTRATORS OF STATE HEALTH PLANS IN  
5 STATES ADJOINING NORTH CAROLINA TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY  
6 OF JOINT PURCHASE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS WITH THE ADJOINING  
7 STATES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any provision of Article 3 of Chapter 135 of  
10 the General Statutes to the contrary, the Executive Administrator of the Teachers' and  
11 State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan ("Plan") shall conduct  
12 discussions with state health plan administrators in states adjoining North Carolina to  
13 explore the feasibility of joint purchases of prescription drugs by the state health plans  
14 in order to reduce the costs of prescription drugs to the Plan. The Executive  
15 Administrator shall report the progress of the discussions to the Committee on  
16 Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits not later than October 1, 2002, and shall make  
17 a final report to the Committee, including recommendations for necessary legislative  
18 action, not later than December 1, 2002.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.