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Resolution on Tobacco Settlement and State Health Benefits

Proposed October 19, 2001; Passed October 19, 2001

In the interest of improving the financial condition of the State & School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan and improving the value of insurance benefits for employees, and to propose a use for existing dollars in uncertain budget times, and to further Governor Ronnie Musgrove's support for using tobacco trust fund money for health benefits; the Faculty Senate requests the state legislature to consider subsidizing the Plan for not less than the full cost of smoking/tobacco related illness with funds from the state's tobacco settlement, and that savings thereby accrued be returned to the Plan.