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MEETING NOTICE

Senate Study Committee on Independent Physicians

TO: Study Committee Members

Senator Dean Burke, 11th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd

FR: Senator Renee Unterman, 45th

Wednesday, September 11

1:00 PM, 450 CAP

AGENDA:

- Introduction and Purpose of Study Committee: Explore Independent Physician Issues
- Testimony from Independent Physicians to discuss practices, environment and trends in healthcare
- Testimony from small hospital regarding their healthcare issues and how it relates to independent physicians
- Testimony from insurance companies regarding independent physicians in their industry and the concern about consolidation of healthcare providers
- Discuss of National Trends-Time Magazine Article "Bitter Pill" (attached)
- Questions & Answers

cc: Casey Cagle, Lt. Governor
David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore
Senator Ronnie Chance, Majority Leader
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