

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

INTRODUCED BY WHALEN

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 6, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.

FEBRUARY 7, 1991                   FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 16, 1991                  COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL  
DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 18, 1991                  PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 21, 1991                  POSTED ON ALTERNATIVE CONSENT CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 23, 1991                  THIRD READING, PASSED.  
AYES, 96; NOES, 2.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 25, 1991                  INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, & SAFETY.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 21, 1991                    COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE  
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 23, 1991                    SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 25, 1991                    THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  
AYES, 45; NOES, 3.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 25, 1991                    RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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12 TO MAKE THE MEDICAID PROGRAM LESS RESTRICTIVE AND MORE  
13 COST-EFFECTIVE BY EXPANDING MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY  
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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Medicaid home and  
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15 Medicaid-funded, long-term medical care services.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
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23 (2) That the state, acting through the Department of  
24 Social and Rehabilitation Services, expand Medicaid home and  
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1 government.

2 (3) That the Congress of the United States be advised  
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4 flexible and cost-effective and that these objectives can be  
5 realized through further funding, development, and expansion  
6 of home and community services and by applying the  
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