HB 5309 — Statewide Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Program

by Health Care Appropriations and Rep. Grimsley

This bill makes statutory changes to conform to the funding decisions included in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Specifically, the bill:

- Revises the comprehensive, statewide tobacco education and use prevention program counter-marketing and advertising campaign to include innovative communication strategies, such as targeting specific audiences who use personal communication devices and frequent social networking websites.
- Changes the term "smoking cessation" to "tobacco-use" throughout the bill.
- Limits the administration and management costs to administer the program to no more than 5 percent.
- Deletes obsolete language related to the Area Health Education Centers.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 119-0