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3	(By Delegate Rodighiero)
4	[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
5	Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.]
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10	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11	adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16B-6e, relating
12	to qualifying children of state employees or any other person
13	employed in West Virginia, whose annual income is \$25,000 a
14	year or less, for the West Virginia Children's Health
15	Insurance Program.
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
17	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
18	by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16B-6e, to read as
19	follows:
20	ARTICLE 16B. WEST VIRGINIA CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
21	§5-16B-6e. Expansion of West Virginia Children's Health Insurance
22	Program to children of employees whose annual income
23	is \$25,000 dollars or less.

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1 <u>(a) Upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid</u> 2 <u>Services, the board shall implement a program for uninsured</u> 3 <u>children of state employees, as defined by subdivision (3), section</u> 4 <u>two, article sixteen of this chapter, or the children of any other</u> 5 <u>person employed in this state whose annual income is \$25,000 a</u> 6 <u>year or less.</u>

7 (b) The benefit plans offered pursuant to this section shall
8 include services determined to be appropriate for children, but may
9 vary from those currently offered by the board.

10 <u>(c) The board shall structure the benefit plans for this</u> 11 <u>expansion to include premiums, coinsurance or copays and</u> 12 <u>deductibles. The board shall develop the cost-sharing features in</u> 13 <u>such a manner as to keep the program fiscally stable without</u> 14 <u>creating a barrier to enrollment. These features may include</u> 15 <u>different cost-sharing features within this group based upon the</u> 16 <u>percentage of the federal poverty level.</u>

17 <u>(d) Any provision in this chapter to the contrary</u> 18 <u>notwithstanding, children covered by West Virginia State Employee</u> 19 <u>Health Insurance are eligible for coverage under this expansion; in</u> 20 <u>which instance this expansion shall be a complement to or a</u> 21 <u>supplement to the gaps in coverage provided for a child under a</u> 22 <u>parent's West Virginia State Employee Health Insurance plan.</u> 23 <u>(e) Provider reimbursement schedules shall be no lower than</u>

24 the reimbursement provided for the same services under the plans

1 offered in article sixteen of this chapter.

2	(f	) All	provisio	ons of	this	article	e are	applica	able t	to this
3	expansi	on unl	less expr	essly	addres	sed in t	this s	ection.		
4	<u>(g</u>	) The	board is	direct	ed to	report	no les	ss than	quart	erly to

5 the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources

6 Accountability on the development, implementation and progress of

7 the expansion authorized in this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to qualify children of state employees and any other person employed in this state whose annual income is \$25,000 a year or less for the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.