

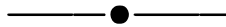
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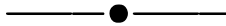


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AN ACT to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16B-6c, relating to directing the children's health insurance board to study all available means to develop a plan modification to permit participation by families with income levels between two hundred percent and three hundred percent of the federal poverty level; findings; premium; and report to Legislature.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16B-6c, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 16B. WEST VIRGINIA CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

§5-16B-6c. Modified benefit plan for children of families of low income between two hundred and three hundred percent of the poverty level.

1 The Legislature finds:

2 (1) That there exists a number of families of low to moder-
3 ate income without access to affordable health insurance
4 coverage, whose children are denied plan participation because
5 their family income exceeds two hundred percent of the federal
6 poverty level;

7 (2) That this exclusion imposes a heavy burden on many
8 families by forcing them to elect whether to spend money on
9 their children's health care or for their food, clothing and
10 educational needs;

11 (3) That a plan should be developed and considered
12 whereby children in families with an income between two
13 hundred and three hundred percent of the federal poverty level
14 would contribute approximately twenty to twenty-five percent
15 of the actual cost of coverage resulting in no additional cost to
16 state government; and

17 (4) That, while the primary goal of any plan will be the
18 improvement of health care for these children, a successful plan
19 for extending this coverage will benefit the state by improving
20 the economy by allowing parents of these children to spend
21 more for goods and services and by lowering future medical
22 expenditures, uncompensated care and the other long-term
23 adverse economic effects related to having a segment of the
24 adult population which has been deprived of adequate medical
25 care during childhood.

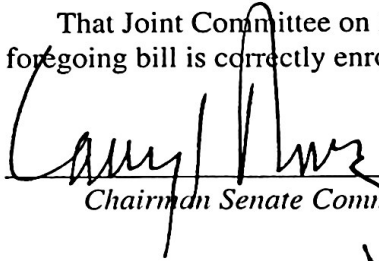
26 The board is directed to conduct a study of all available
27 means to develop a viable, modified plan to enroll the children
28 of those families having a level of income between two hundred

29 and three hundred percent of the federal poverty level and to
30 consider that such a plan should charge an affordable premium
31 and may be phased in over a two-year period.

32 The board is further directed to study total program costs
33 related to the implementation of a viable modified plan to
34 expand coverage with the design requiring no additional state
35 dollars and to study the long term effect on the state budget.

36 The board is directed to report its findings and recommen-
37 dations to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance at
38 its monthly meeting of August, two thousand four.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.



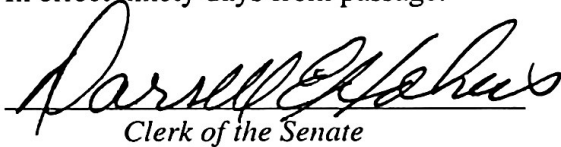
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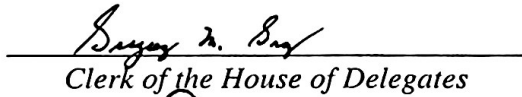
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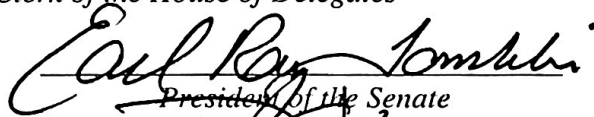
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Clerk of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Delegates



President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 5th
day of April, 2004.



Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

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