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**Raised Bill No. 1205**

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND  
PREEMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE HUSKY PLAN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 17b-292 of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) A child who resides in a household with a family income [which]  
4 that exceeds one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty  
5 level and does not exceed three hundred per cent of the federal  
6 poverty level may be eligible for subsidized benefits under the HUSKY  
7 Plan, Part B.

8 (b) A child who resides in a household with a family income over  
9 three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level may be eligible for  
10 unsubsidized benefits under the HUSKY Plan, Part B.

11 (c) Whenever a court or family support magistrate orders a  
12 noncustodial parent to provide health insurance for a child, such  
13 parent may provide for coverage under the HUSKY Plan, Part B.

14 (d) A child who has been determined to be eligible for benefits

15 under either the HUSKY Plan, Part A or Part B shall remain eligible for  
16 said plan for a period of twelve months from such child's  
17 determination of eligibility unless the child attains the age of nineteen  
18 years or is no longer a resident of the state.

19 (e) To the extent allowed under federal law, the commissioner shall  
20 not pay for services or durable medical equipment under the HUSKY  
21 Plan, Part B if the enrollee has other insurance coverage for the services  
22 or such equipment.

23 (f) A newborn child who otherwise meets the eligibility criteria for  
24 the HUSKY Plan, Part B shall be eligible for benefits retroactive to [his]  
25 such child's date of birth, provided an application is filed on behalf of  
26 the child within thirty days of such date.

27 (g) The commissioner shall implement presumptive eligibility for  
28 children applying for Medicaid. Such presumptive eligibility  
29 determinations shall be in accordance with applicable federal law and  
30 regulations. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
31 with chapter 54, to establish standards and procedures for the  
32 designation of organizations as qualified entities to grant presumptive  
33 eligibility. In establishing such regulations, the commissioner shall  
34 ensure the representation of school-based health centers and state-  
35 wide and local organizations that provide services to children of all  
36 ages in each region of the state.

37 (h) The commissioner shall enter into a contract with an entity to be  
38 a single point of entry servicer for applicants and enrollees under the  
39 HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B. The servicer shall jointly market both  
40 Part A and Part B together as the HUSKY Plan. Such servicer shall  
41 develop and implement public information and outreach activities  
42 with community programs.

43 (i) To the extent permitted by federal law, the single point of entry  
44 servicer may be one of the entities authorized to grant presumptive  
45 eligibility under the HUSKY Plan, Part A.

46 (j) The single point of entry servicer shall send an application and  
47 supporting documents to the commissioner for determination of  
48 eligibility of a child who resides in a household with a family income  
49 of one hundred eighty-five per cent or less of the federal poverty level.  
50 The servicer shall enroll eligible beneficiaries in the applicant's choice  
51 of managed care plan.

52 (k) Not more than twelve months after the determination of  
53 eligibility and annually thereafter, the servicer shall determine if the  
54 child continues to be eligible for the plan. The servicer shall mail a  
55 form to each participant in the plan for the purposes of obtaining  
56 information to make a determination on eligibility. The determination  
57 of eligibility shall be coordinated with health plan open enrollment  
58 periods.

59 (l) The commissioner shall implement the HUSKY Plan, Part B while  
60 in the process of adopting necessary policies and procedures in  
61 regulation form in accordance with the provisions of section 17b-10.

62 (m) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
63 chapter 54, to establish residency requirements and income eligibility  
64 for participation in the HUSKY Plan, Part B and procedures for a  
65 simplified mail-in application process.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To include school-based health centers under the definition of qualified entities eligible to do presumptive eligibility.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*