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General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 298

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The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. HANDLEY of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 5-259 of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 1 of public act 03-149, is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

4 (f) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and
5 of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group
6 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for
7 any person who adopts a child from the state foster care system, any
8 person [designated] who has been a foster parent [or] for the
9 Department of Children and Families for six months or more, a parent
10 in a permanent family residence [by the Department of Children and
11 Families] for six months or more, and any dependent of such adoptive
12 parent, foster parent or parent [,] in a permanent family residence who
13 elects coverage under such plan or plans. The Comptroller may also

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Since adoptive parents who are eligible for coverage under the bill are required to pay one hundred percent of the premium charged directly to the insurer, there is no state fiscal impact from their participation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows people who adopt children from Department of Children and Families' custody to purchase group health insurance for themselves and their dependents through a state plan. Parents who choose this option must pay the full premium cost. They remain eligible for coverage until their adopted child turns age 18 or, if he has not completed high school, until he turns age 21.

The law already allows people who have been foster parents or parents in permanent family residence for more than six months to purchase this coverage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17 Nay 0