



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5660

LCO No. 2223

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS
FOR CHILDREN.**

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

1 That chapter 319v of the general statutes be amended to establish a
2 state subsidized program of health insurance benefits for children who
3 are presently uninsured and not otherwise eligible to receive
4 subsidized health insurance benefits under the HUSKY Plan, Part A or
5 B. The Commissioner of Social Services, in implementing such
6 program shall: (1) Competitively procure not more than four private
7 plans that shall offer both comprehensive and basic benefit options; (2)
8 offer premium assistance subsidies that allow individuals to purchase
9 employer sponsored health insurance benefits, if the cost for such
10 subsidies is less expensive than subsidizing a basic benefit plan; (3)
11 limit family premiums to five per cent of total family income for a
12 comprehensive benefit plan; (4) limit family premiums to three per
13 cent of total family income for a basic benefit plan; and (5) limit cost
14 sharing and coinsurance payment to four per cent of total family
15 income.

Statement of Purpose:

To enable all children in Connecticut to have access to affordable health insurance and to reduce the number of uninsured children in Connecticut.