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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS THROUGH THE FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT AND THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN WAIVER.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services shall amend the state Medicaid plan to implement the
3 provisions of Section 6062(a) of the federal Family Opportunity Act,
4 enacted as part of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, to allow families
5 of children with special health care needs to purchase Medicaid
6 coverage. The provision shall allow a family with a disabled child
7 under nineteen years of age, but whose income is above the standard
8 for Social Security income payments as determined under Title XVI of
9 the Social Security Act, to purchase Medicaid coverage through the
10 state Medicaid plan regardless of income based upon a uniform sliding
11 scale premium. Any medical assistance provided to a child whose
12 family income exceeds three hundred per cent of the federal poverty
13 level shall be paid by state funds.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Department of Social

15 Services shall apply for a waiver from the State Children's Health
16 Insurance Program (SCHIP), under Section 1115 of the Social Security
17 Act, 42 USC 1315, as amended from time to time, to provide funding
18 for supports and services to children with special health care needs in
19 home and community settings. The Department of Social Services shall
20 seek such waiver to expand services available under the HUSKY Plus
21 supplemental benefits package and to extend HUSKY Plus
22 supplemental benefits regardless of income through a buy-in premium
23 based option.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To provide Medicaid coverage as a supplement to underinsured families to ensure that children with special health care needs have access to health care in a home setting. To ensure that children with special health care needs receive necessary and appropriate supports and services in their homes and communities and that such services are affordable.

[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.]