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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6158

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"AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Insurance Commissioner, in
4 consultation with the Commissioners of Social Services and Public
5 Health, shall conduct a study and make recommendations to increase
6 access to health care for Connecticut state residents. Such
7 recommendations may include, but need not be limited to: (1)
8 Requiring each Connecticut resident to show proof of health insurance
9 coverage; (2) making it unlawful for any resident to be without health
10 insurance coverage for more than six consecutive months; (3) requiring
11 any individual who is eligible for or receiving state-sponsored
12 assistance who has a dependent child to enroll the child in the HUSKY
13 Plan, if such child is eligible, or show proof that the child has existing

14 coverage; (4) increasing funding for HUSKY outreach programs; (5)
15 allowing private health insurance providers to establish up to five new
16 health insurance plans which shall be exempt from certain state health
17 insurance mandates so as to provide many different and affordable
18 options of health insurance plans for individuals, families and
19 employers; (6) allowing small businesses, defined as fifty employees or
20 fewer, to participate in such new health plans; (7) allowing individuals
21 to purchase such new health insurance plans, independent of their
22 employment status and regardless of whether or not their employer
23 participates in such new health insurance plans; (8) allowing a
24 deduction of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by individuals for health
25 insurance premiums; (9) allowing previously uninsured small
26 businesses to be eligible for a tax credit to assist them in affording such
27 new health insurance plans; (10) increasing Medicaid reimbursement
28 rates for providers in order to increase the number of quality health
29 care providers available and willing to provide services to Medicaid
30 recipients so as to provide quality health care; and (11) creating a state-
31 sponsored health insurance subsidy program, to be designated the
32 "Deferred Health Insurance Payment Program", for individuals with
33 income levels between one hundred fifty and four hundred per cent of
34 the federal poverty level.

35 (b) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Insurance Commissioner shall
36 submit a report with his or her findings and recommendations to the
37 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
38 of matters relating to insurance, human services and public health in
39 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes."