



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 663

LCO No. 3028

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT PROVIDING STATE-FUNDED MEDICAL COVERAGE TO CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 17b-261 of the 2008 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (h) Medical assistance shall be provided, in accordance with the
5 provisions of subsection (e) of section 17a-6, to any child under the
6 supervision of the Commissioner of Children and Families who is not
7 receiving Medicaid benefits, has not yet qualified for Medicaid benefits
8 or is otherwise ineligible for such benefits. [because of institutional
9 status.] Medical assistance shall also be provided to any child placed
10 under the direction of the Commissioner of Developmental Services in
11 the voluntary services program who is not receiving Medicaid benefits,
12 has not yet qualified for Medicaid benefits or is otherwise ineligible for
13 such benefits. To the extent practicable, the Commissioner of Children
14 and Families and the Commissioner of Developmental Services shall

15 apply for, or assist such child in qualifying for, the Medicaid program.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 17b-261(h) |

Statement of Purpose:

To expand eligibility for state-funded medical assistance to include children under the care and supervision of the Department of Developmental Services who are ineligible for Medicaid and to remove the institutional status of a child from being a factor in determining a child's eligibility for medical assistance.

[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.]