



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 144

LCO No. 626

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

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 require the
- 2 state to provide health insurance coverage under an existing state
- 3 health insurance program to a parent, who elects to stay at home in
- 4 order to care for either an adult child or a minor child, who receives
- 5 services from the Department of Developmental Services and who
- 6 would otherwise have been placed in a group residential setting had
- 7 the parent not elected to stay at home to care for such child.

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Promote the health and well being of a parent who stays at home to care for a child who would otherwise be placed in a Department of Developmental Services residential placement by ensuring that such parent has health insurance coverage; and (2) incentivize such parent to provide at home care.