AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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

Section 1. Section 38a-497 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2021):

(a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state shall provide that coverage of a child, stepchild or other dependent child shall terminate not earlier than the policy anniversary date on or after whichever of the following occurs first, the date on which the child, stepchild or other dependent child: (1) becomes covered under a group health plan through the child's, stepchild's or other dependent child's own employment; or (2) attains the age of twenty-six.

(b) Each individual health insurance policy described in subsection (a) of this section, and each individual health insurance policy providing
coverage of the type specified in subdivision (16) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state, that includes or provides dental or vision coverage shall provide that dental or vision coverage of a child, stepchild or other dependent child shall terminate not earlier than the policy anniversary date on or after whichever of the following occurs first, the date on which the child, stepchild or other dependent child: (1) Becomes covered under a group health plan through the child's, stepchild's or other dependent child's own employment; or (2) attains the age of twenty-six.

(c) Each [such] policy subject to this section shall cover a stepchild or other dependent child on the same basis as a biological child.

Sec. 2. Section 38a-512b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2021):

(a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state shall provide that coverage of a child, stepchild or other dependent child shall terminate [no] not earlier than the policy anniversary date on or after whichever of the following occurs first, the date on which the child, stepchild or other dependent child: (1) Becomes covered under a group health plan through the child's, stepchild's or other dependent child's own employment; or (2) attains the age of twenty-six.

(b) Each group health insurance policy described in subsection (a) of this section, and each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivision (16) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state, that includes or provides dental or vision coverage shall provide that dental or vision coverage of a child, stepchild or other dependent child shall terminate not earlier than the policy anniversary date on or after whichever of the following occurs first, the date on which the child,
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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To allow children, stepchildren and other dependent children to retain
dental and vision insurance coverage under their parents' insurance
policies until they attain the age of twenty-six or obtain substitute
coverage through an employer.

[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.]