

# Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-191

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE HUSKY B PROGRAM.

**Vote Date:** 3/5/2020

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/25/2020

**File No.:**

***Disclaimer:** The following JOINT FAVORABLE Report is prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and does not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose.*

## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Human Services Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

The reason for this bill is to repeal the requirement that copayment levels under the Husky B program align with copayment levels of the state employee point-of-enrollment health care plan. The bill also provides that Husky B copayment levels cannot be higher than the level of the state employee point-of-enrollment plan. This is because lower income families who may have frequent visits to their healthcare provider may not be able to afford the rising cost of copayments under the state employee point-of enrollment healthcare plan.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

Deidre S. Gifford, Commissioner, Department of Social Services; is in support of this bill, referring to the previous legislation, PA 10-3, and the current cost of copayments under the state employee point-of-enrollment healthcare plan. The Commissioner stated that, "The \$15 per visit cost is high for children in low-income HUSKY B families who may need to see outpatient providers on a regular or frequent basis."

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

There are no additional sources of support for this bill.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

There are no sources of opposition for this bill.

**Reported by:** Edward Ford

**Date:** 3/06/2020

