AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

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

Section 1. Subsection (l) of section 17b-261 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2022):

(l) On and after January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available appropriations, provide state-funded medical assistance to any child [eight years of age and younger] or young adult under nineteen years of age, regardless of immigration status, (1) whose household income does not exceed two hundred one per cent of the federal poverty level without an asset limit, and (2) who does not otherwise qualify for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, or an offer of affordable, employer-sponsored insurance as defined in the Affordable Care Act, as an employee or a dependent of an employee.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-292 of the 2022 supplement to the
general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2022):

(a) A child who resides in a household with household income that exceeds one hundred ninety-six per cent of the federal poverty level but does not exceed three hundred eighteen per cent of the federal poverty level may be eligible for benefits under HUSKY B. Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available appropriations, provide state-funded medical assistance to any child [eight years of age and younger] or young adult under nineteen years of age, regardless of immigration status, (1) with a household income that exceeds two hundred one per cent of the federal poverty level but does not exceed three hundred twenty-three per cent of the federal poverty level, and (2) who does not otherwise qualify for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, or an offer of affordable, employer-sponsored insurance as defined in the Affordable Care Act, as an employee or a dependent of an employee.

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Statement of Purpose:
To provide medical assistance for income-eligible persons under nineteen years of age regardless of immigration status.

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