



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5371

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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY EXPANDING HUSKY HEALTH BENEFITS TO ALL UNINSURED RESIDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF NINETEEN.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "HUSKY
2 Health" has the same meaning as provided in section 17b-290 of the
3 general statutes. Not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
4 section, the Commissioner of Social Services shall convene a working
5 group to study the costs and benefits of expanding HUSKY Health
6 benefits to all uninsured state residents under the age of nineteen
7 regardless of income or immigration status.

8 (b) The working group shall include (1) the commissioner, or the
9 commissioner's designee; (2) the executive director of the Office of
10 Health Strategy, or the executive director's designee; (3) the Insurance
11 Commissioner, or the Insurance Commissioner's designee; and (4) an
12 academic who has conducted research on expanding access to publicly
13 funded health care. The Commissioner of Social Services, or the
14 commissioner's designee, shall serve as chairperson of the working

15 group.

16 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, the working group shall file a
17 report on the study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
18 of the general statutes, with the joint standing committee of the General
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services. The
20 report shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) an estimated number
21 of uninsured state residents under the age of nineteen who would enroll
22 in HUSKY Health if benefits were expanded regardless of income or
23 immigration status; (2) the cost to the state to enroll such residents; (3)
24 potential savings related to enrolling such residents; (4) the estimated
25 impact on the private insurance market of enrolling such residents; and
26 (5) recommendations on how to fund enrolling such residents. The
27 working group shall terminate on the date it submits the report, or on
28 January 1, 2025, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To study expanding HUSKY Health benefits to all uninsured residents under the age of nineteen regardless of income or immigration status.

[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.]