

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1441

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1257 and 1258 of the House Journal and pages 1106 and 1107 of the Senate Journal and that Reengrossed House Bill No. 1441 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "50-24.1-02.6" insert "and a new section to chapter 50-29"

Page 1, line 2, remove the semicolon and remove "to amend and reenact"

Page 1, line 3, remove "section 50-29-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to"

Page 1, line 4, after "program" insert "; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide for a continuing appropriation; to require maximizations of federal reimbursement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for an expiration date"

Page 1, remove the underscore under lines 8 through 10

Page 1, replace lines 11 through 17 with:

"SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 50-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Grants - Gifts - Donations - Continuing appropriation. The department may accept any gift, grant, or donation, whether conditional or unconditional, for the purpose of providing funds for the children's health insurance program. The department may contract with public or private entities and may expend any moneys available to the department to obtain matching funds for the purposes of this chapter. The department shall seek grants from the academy for health research and health policy state coverage initiative and from any other entity that may award such grants. All moneys received as a gift, grant, or donation under this section are appropriated as a standing and continuing appropriation to the department for the purpose of providing funds for the children's health insurance program.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY. During the 2001-02 interim, the legislative council shall consider studying the coordination of the medical assistance and the children's health insurance programs, including the development of a single application form for both programs, whether the children's health insurance program should be administered by the state or the counties, the effects of eliminating the asset eligibility requirement for the medical assistance program, the standardization of the definition of "income" for all programs administered by the department of human services, and the feasibility and desirability of seeking a federal waiver to allow the children's health insurance program plan to provide coverage for a family through an employer-based insurance policy if an employer-based insurance policy is more cost-effective than the traditional plan coverage for the children. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-eighth legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT. The department of human services shall seek an amendment to its state plan to maximize federal reimbursement through the program to provide health assistance to low-income children funded through title XXI of the federal Social Security Act, for the removal of the asset test for the medical assistance program.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE - EXPIRATION DATE. Section 1 of this Act becomes effective upon certification by the department of human services to the governor and the legislative council that the state plan amendments to the children's health insurance program have received federal approval. In no case, however, may section 1 of this Act become effective before January 1, 2002. If section 1 of this Act becomes effective, the section is effective through June 30, 2003, and after that date is ineffective."

Renumber accordingly