

April 2, 2009

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1478

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the Senate as printed on page 895 of the Senate Journal, Reengrossed House Bill No. 1478 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "create and enact two new sections to chapter 50-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to children's health insurance buy-in and premium assistance programs; to"

Page 1, line 2, after "program" insert "; and to provide legislative intent"

Page 1, after line 3, insert:

**"SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Children's health insurance buy-in program.** The department shall establish a buy-in program through which a parent or guardian whose family net income exceeds the income eligibility limit provided for under section 50-29-04 may purchase a plan of coverage for a child who is uninsured. The coverage, copayments, and deductibles for a plan of coverage purchased under this section must be comparable to the coverage, copayments, and deductibles under the children's health insurance program. The premium for coverage may not exceed the amount the children's health insurance program pays per month for a child of comparable age whose family income is within the income eligibility limit provided for under section 50-29-04. The department shall reimburse the county for any costs incurred by the county in the implementation and administration of the buy-in program."

Page 1, line 13, overstrike "one" and insert immediately thereafter "two" and remove "sixty"

Page 2, after line 3, insert:

"7. The department shall seek a federal waiver to increase the net income eligibility level provided under subsection 6 to three hundred percent of the poverty line. Upon approval of the waiver, the income eligibility limit in subsection 6 is increased to the limit approved by the waiver.

**SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 50-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Premium for coverage.** Upon approval of the waiver requested under subsection 7 of section 50-29-04, the department shall charge a monthly premium for coverage for an eligible applicant whose net income exceeds two hundred percent of the poverty line but does not exceed three hundred percent of the poverty line. The monthly premium must be equivalent to the amount expended monthly in state funds for an eligible applicant whose net income is two hundred percent of the poverty line or less.

**SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the sixty-first legislative assembly that public school districts and private schools help ensure that families of enrolled school-age children are aware of available health care coverage. Health care coverage may be available from individual student policies or from state or federally

funded programs, such as medicaid or the children's health insurance program. It is expected that schools will provide information and applications to families as part of annual enrollment efforts. The department of human services and the superintendent of public instruction may offer assistance to schools with this effort."

Renumber accordingly