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HOUSE BILL NO. 306

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALKER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 208.631, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the state children's health insurance program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 208.631, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.631, to read as follows:

208.631. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the MO HealthNet division shall establish a program to pay for health care for uninsured children. Coverage pursuant to sections 208.631 to 208.658 is subject to appropriation. ~~[The provisions of sections 208.631 to 208.658, health care for uninsured children, shall be void and of no effect if there are no funds of the United States appropriated by Congress to be provided to the state on the basis of a state plan approved by the federal government under the federal Social Security Act.]~~ If funds are appropriated by the United States Congress, the department of social services is authorized to manage the state children's health insurance program (SCHIP) allotment in order to ensure that the state receives maximum federal financial participation. **If no funds are appropriated by the United States Congress, the general assembly shall find an alternative funding source through the appropriation of general revenue or by legislation to create a dedicated revenue stream.** Children in households with incomes up to one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level may meet all Title XIX program guidelines as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Children in households with incomes of one hundred fifty percent to three hundred percent of the federal poverty level shall continue to be eligible as they were and receive services as they did on June 30, 2007, unless changed by the Missouri general assembly.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 2. For the purposes of sections 208.631 to 208.658, "children" are persons up to nineteen
19 years of age. "Uninsured children" are persons up to nineteen years of age who are emancipated
20 and do not have access to affordable employer-subsidized health care insurance or other health
21 care coverage or persons whose parent or guardian have not had access to affordable
22 employer-subsidized health care insurance or other health care coverage for their children prior
23 to application, are residents of the state of Missouri, and have parents or guardians who meet the
24 requirements in section 208.636. A child who is eligible for MO HealthNet benefits as
25 authorized in section 208.151 is not uninsured for the purposes of sections 208.631 to 208.658.

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