

Senator Luz Robles proposes the following substitute bill:

HEALTH AMENDMENTS FOR LEGAL

IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Luz Robles

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Medical Assistance Act and the Utah Children's Health Insurance Act to provide Medicaid coverage and health insurance coverage to a legal immigrant child, regardless of the length of time that the child has been in the United States.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ exercises the option to remove the five-year residency requirement for a legal immigrant child to be eligible for coverage under Medicaid or the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program; and

- ▶ directs the Department of Health to amend the state Medicaid plan and the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program to provide coverage to an eligible legal immigrant child, regardless of the length of time that the child has been in the United States.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.



26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 ENACTS:

28 **26-18-3.3**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

29 **26-40-115**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **26-18-3.3** is enacted to read:

33 **26-18-3.3. Coverage for legal immigrant children.**

34 In accordance with the provisions of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program
35 Reauthorization Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-3, and all other applicable requirements of
36 federal law and rule, the department shall amend the state Medicaid plan to provide coverage
37 under the Medicaid program to a client who is:

38 (1) an eligible child; and

39 (2) a legal immigrant to the United States, regardless of the length of time that the
40 person described in Subsection (1) has been in the United States.

41 Section 2. Section **26-40-115** is enacted to read:

42 **26-40-115. Coverage for legal immigrant children.**

43 In accordance with the provisions of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program
44 Reauthorization Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-3, and all other applicable requirements of
45 federal law and rule, the department shall provide coverage under the program to a person who
46 is:

47 (1) an eligible child; and

48 (2) a legal immigrant to the United States, regardless of the length of time that the
49 person described in Subsection (1) has been in the United States.

50 Section 3. **Effective date.**

51 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Note**S.B. 44 2nd Sub. (Salmon) - Health Amendments for Legal Immigrant
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State Impact

This Legislation requires an ongoing appropriation beginning in FY 2013 of \$26,500 General Fund to the Department of Workforce Services and \$358,000 General Fund to the Department of Health. Beginning in FY 2013 the State will receive \$1,470,800 federal matching funds for the \$384,500 spent from the General Fund.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for businesses or local governments. Some individuals may benefit from Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program spending.
