

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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By: **Senators Middleton, Astle, Currie, Dyson, Hogan, McFadden, and Pugh**
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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Federal Reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Maryland Congressional Delegation to ensure that
4 Congress reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program to ensure
5 that federal funding of the Program will continue; urging the Governor to work
6 with the Delegation to ensure that Congress reauthorizes the Program; and
7 generally relating to federal reauthorization of the State Children's Health
8 Insurance Program.

9 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland regards the health of our
10 children to be of paramount importance to families in the State; and

11 WHEREAS, Protecting the health of children in the State is essential to the
12 well-being of these children and to quality of life in the State; and

13 WHEREAS, The Maryland Children's Health Program, which has enrolled over
14 300,000 children in the State since the start of the Program in 1998, is an integral
15 part of the provision of health benefits for children in the State; and

16 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the value of the Maryland
17 Children's Health Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating
18 childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health care costs;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The federal funding available for the Maryland Children's Health
21 Program through the State Children's Health Insurance Program is indispensable to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 providing health benefits for children of modest means in the State; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
4 General Assembly urges the Maryland Congressional Delegation to work to ensure
5 that Congress reauthorizes the State Children’s Health Insurance Program in a timely
6 manner; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges the Governor to work with the
8 Maryland Congressional Delegation to ensure that the State Children’s Health
9 Insurance Program is reauthorized in a timely manner; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
11 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Barbara A.
12 Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
13 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P.
14 Sarbanes, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E.
15 Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C.
16 20515; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
18 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
19 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
20 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.