

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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By: **Senators Middleton, Astle, Currie, Dyson, Hogan, McFadden, ~~and Pugh~~  
Pugh, Della, Edwards, Exum, Garagiola, Kelley, Kittleman, Klausmeier,  
and Pipkin**

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2**

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

5           WHEREAS, The federal funding available for the Maryland Children's Health  
6 Program through the State Children's Health Insurance Program is indispensable to  
7 providing health benefits for children of modest means in the State; now, therefore, be  
8 it

9           **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That the  
10 General Assembly urges the Maryland Congressional Delegation to work to ensure  
11 that Congress reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program in a timely  
12 manner; and be it further

13           **RESOLVED,** That the General Assembly urges the Governor to work with the  
14 Maryland Congressional Delegation to ensure that the State Children's Health  
15 Insurance Program is reauthorized in a timely manner; and be it further

16           **RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
17 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Barbara A.  
18 Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;  
19 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P.  
20 Sarbanes, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E.  
21 Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C.  
22 20515; and be it further

23           **RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
24 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the  
25 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the  
26 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved:

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.