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By: **Senator McCabe**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel - Health Insurance - Dependent Coverage**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in arranging  
4 health insurance benefit options under the State Employee and Retiree Health  
5 and Welfare Benefits Program, to ensure that coverage is provided for a  
6 dependent child of a State employee who must take a leave of absence from an  
7 accredited educational institution in order to fulfill an educational requirement  
8 of the institution.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
11 Section 2-503(b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

17 2-503.

18 (b) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
19 Secretary may arrange as the Secretary considers appropriate any benefit option for  
20 inclusion in the Program.

21 (2) IN ARRANGING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS, THE  
22 SECRETARY SHALL ENSURE THAT COVERAGE IS PROVIDED FOR A DEPENDENT CHILD  
23 OF A STATE EMPLOYEE WHO MUST TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM AN  
24 ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN ORDER TO FULFILL AN EDUCATIONAL  
25 REQUIREMENT OF THE INSTITUTION.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2000.