
By: **Delegate Rosenberg**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Children's Health Insurance Outreach Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Children's Health Insurance Outreach Program
4 in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the purpose of
5 the Program; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
6 develop a certain health insurance form; requiring each county board of
7 education to include a certain health insurance form with certain information on
8 the school lunch program and to forward certain health insurance forms to the
9 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Department of Health
10 and Mental Hygiene to use certain health insurance forms to enroll children in
11 the Maryland Children's Health Program; requiring the Department of Health
12 and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of Education, to
13 adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department of Education, in
14 consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to adopt
15 certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the
16 Children's Health Insurance Outreach Program.

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Health - General
19 Section 13-2101 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 21. Children's Health
20 Insurance Outreach Program"
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

23 BY adding to
24 Article - Education
25 Section 7-420
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Health - General**

2 SUBTITLE 21. CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE OUTREACH PROGRAM.

3 13-2101.

4 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH
5 INSURANCE OUTREACH PROGRAM.

6 (B) THERE IS A CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE OUTREACH PROGRAM.

7 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

8 (1) IDENTIFY CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MARYLAND
9 CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM;10 (2) ENROLL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S
11 HEALTH PROGRAM; AND12 (3) IDENTIFY METHODS TO OBTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE FOR
13 UNINSURED CHILDREN WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S
14 HEALTH PROGRAM.

15 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

16 (1) DEVELOP A HEALTH INSURANCE FORM FOR THE STATE
17 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE WITH THE SCHOOL LUNCH APPLICATION
18 OR WITH ANY OTHER INFORMATION GRANTING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOOL
19 LUNCH PROGRAM; AND20 (2) USE THE HEALTH INSURANCE FORMS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE
21 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AS REQUIRED UNDER § 7-420 OF THE EDUCATION
22 ARTICLE, TO ENROLL CHILDREN IN THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM.23 (E) THE HEALTH INSURANCE FORM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)
24 OF THIS SECTION SHALL:25 (1) INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR THE
26 MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM;27 (2) INCLUDE A TOLL-FREE PHONE NUMBER AND WEBSITE FOR THE
28 MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM; AND29 (3) PROVIDE AN OPTION FOR PARENTS TO RETURN THE FORM ALONG
30 WITH THE SCHOOL LUNCH APPLICATION.31 (F) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
32 EDUCATION, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

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Article - Education

2 7-420.

3 (A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

4 (1) INCLUDE THE HEALTH INSURANCE FORM DEVELOPED BY THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE UNDER § 13-2101 OF THE
6 HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE WITH:

7 (I) THE SCHOOL LUNCH APPLICATION; OR

8 (II) ANY OTHER INFORMATION GRANTING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE
9 SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM; AND10 (2) FORWARD RETURNED AND COMPLETED HEALTH INSURANCE FORMS
11 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.12 (B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
14 SECTION.15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
16 effect October 1, 2004.