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To: Public Health and
Welfare;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2543

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-86-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DEFINE THE TERM "LOW-INCOME CHILD" FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
3 THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM IN MISSISSIPPI
4 (C.H.I.P.S.); AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 41-86-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 41-86-5. As used in Sections 41-86-5 through 41-86-17, the
9 following definitions shall have the meanings ascribed in this
10 section, unless the context indicates otherwise:

11 (a) "Act" means the Mississippi Children's Health Care
12 Act.

13 (b) "Administering agency" means the agency designated
14 by the Mississippi Children's Health Insurance Program Commission
15 to administer the program.

16 (c) "Board" means the State and Public School Employees
17 Health Insurance Management Board created under Section 25-15-303.

18 (d) "Child" means an individual who is under nineteen
19 (19) years of age who is not eligible for Medicaid benefits and is
20 not covered by other health insurance.

21 (e) "Commission" means the Mississippi Children's
22 Health Insurance Program Commission created by Section 41-86-7.

23 (f) "Covered benefits" means the types of health care
24 benefits and services provided to eligible recipients under the
25 Children's Health Care Program.

26 (g) "Division" means the Division of Medicaid in the
27 Office of the Governor.

28 (h) "Low-income child" means a child whose family

29 income does not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the
30 poverty level for a family of the size involved.

31 (i) "Plan" means the State Child Health Plan.

32 (j) "Program" means the Children's Health Care Program
33 established by Sections 41-86-5 through 41-86-17.

34 (k) "Recipient" means a person who is eligible for
35 assistance under the program.

36 (l) "State Child Health Plan" means the permanent plan
37 that sets forth the manner and means by which the State of
38 Mississippi will provide health care assistance to eligible
39 uninsured, low-income children consistent with the provisions of
40 Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended.

41 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 1999.