94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB2175

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 170/20

Amends the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act. Provides that to be eligible for the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Program, a child must be a citizen of the United States. Effective July 1, 2006.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1

AN ACT concerning insurance.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act is
amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 170/20)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2011)

8 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a 9 delayed effective date)

10 Sec. 20. Eligibility.

11 (a) To be eligible for the Program, a person must be a 12 child:

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(1) who is <u>a citizen of the United States and</u> a resident of the State of Illinois; and

(2) who is ineligible for medical assistance under the
Illinois Public Aid Code or benefits under the Children's
Health Insurance Program Act; and

18 (3) either (i) who has been without health insurance 19 coverage for a period set forth by the Department in rules, but not less than 6 months during the first month of 20 operation of the Program, 7 months during the second month 21 of operation, 8 months during the third month of operation, 22 23 9 months during the fourth month of operation, 10 months during the fifth month of operation, 11 months during the 24 25 sixth month of operation, and 12 months thereafter, (ii) 26 whose parent has lost employment that made available affordable dependent health insurance coverage, until such 27 time as affordable employer-sponsored dependent health 28 29 insurance coverage is again available for the child as set 30 forth by the Department in rules, (iii) who is a newborn responsible relative does not have available 31 whose affordable private or employer-sponsored health insurance, 32

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or (iv) who, within one year of applying for coverage under this Act, lost medical benefits under the Illinois Public Aid Code or the Children's Health Insurance Program Act.

An entity that provides health insurance coverage (as defined in Section 2 of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Act) to Illinois residents shall provide health insurance data match to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for the purpose of determining eligibility for the Program under phis Act.

10 The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in 11 collaboration with the Department of Financial and 12 Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance, shall adopt rules governing the exchange of information under this Section. 13 The rules shall be consistent with all laws relating to the 14 15 confidentiality or privacy of personal information or medical 16 records, including provisions under the Federal Health 17 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

(b) The Department shall monitor the availability and retention of employer-sponsored dependent health insurance coverage and shall modify the period described in subdivision (a) (3) if necessary to promote retention of private or employer-sponsored health insurance and timely access to healthcare services, but at no time shall the period described in subdivision (a) (3) be less than 6 months.

(c) The Department, at its discretion, may take into account the affordability of dependent health insurance when determining whether employer-sponsored dependent health insurance coverage is available upon reemployment of a child's parent as provided in subdivision (a) (3).

30 (d) A child who is determined to be eligible for the 31 Program shall remain eligible for 12 months, provided that the 32 child maintains his or her residence in this State, has not yet 33 attained 19 years of age, and is not excluded under subsection 34 (e).

35 (e) A child is not eligible for coverage under the Program 36 if: SB2175

1 (1) the premium required under Section 40 has not been 2 timely paid; if the required premiums are not paid, the liability of the Program shall be limited to benefits 3 incurred under the Program for the time period for which 4 5 premiums have been paid; if the required monthly premium is not paid, the child is ineligible for re-enrollment for a 6 7 minimum period of 3 months; re-enrollment shall he completed before the next covered medical visit, and the 8 9 first month's required premium shall be paid in advance of the next covered medical visit; or 10

11 (2) the child is an inmate of a public institution or12 an institution for mental diseases.

The 13 Department shall adopt eligibility (f) rules, including, but not limited to: rules regarding annual renewals 14 15 eligibility for the Program; rules providing of for 16 re-enrollment, grace periods, notice requirements, and hearing 17 procedures under subdivision (e) (1) of this Section; and rules regarding what constitutes availability and affordability of 18 19 or employer-sponsored health insurance, private with 20 consideration of such factors as the percentage of income needed to purchase children or family health insurance, the 21 22 availability of employer subsidies, and other relevant 23 factors.

24 (Source: P.A. 94-693, eff. 7-1-06.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 26 2006.