

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

## 2009 and 2010

### HB2785

Introduced 2/24/2009, by Rep. Tom Cross

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 106/5

Amends the Children's Health Insurance Program Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the legislative intent of the Act.

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

Section 5. The Children's Health Insurance Program Act is
amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

#### 6 (215 ILCS 106/5)

7 Sec. 5. Legislative intent. The The General Assembly finds that, for the economic and social benefit of all citizens of 8 9 the State, it is important to enable low-income children of this State, to the extent funding permits, to access health 10 benefits coverage, especially preventive health care. The 11 General Assembly recognizes that assistance to help families 12 purchase health benefits for low-income children must be 13 14 provided in a fair and equitable fashion and must treat all children at the same income level in a similar fashion. The 15 16 State of Illinois should help low-income families transition 17 from a health care system where government partners with families to provide health benefits to low-income children to a 18 19 system where families with higher incomes eventuallv 20 transition into private or employer based health plans. This 21 Act is not intended to create an entitlement.

22 (Source: P.A. 90-736, eff. 8-12-98.)