

1 AN ACT concerning the children's health insurance
2 program.

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

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

7 (215 ILCS 106/5)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on June 30, 2001)

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

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