

1 AN ACT in relation to insurance.

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

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

6 (215 ILCS 106/5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2002)

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

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

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
26 becoming law.