



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2992

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Camille Y. Lilly

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1405/1405-25  
110 ILCS 330/3.5 new  
210 ILCS 85/10.5 new

Amends the Department of Insurance Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Insurance to conduct a study to better understand the gaps in health insurance coverage for uninsured residents, including the reasons why individuals are uninsured and whether insured individuals are insured through an employer-sponsored plan or through the Illinois health insurance marketplace. Requires the Department to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly 12 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the Hospital Licensing Act and the University of Illinois Hospital Act. Provides that hospitals licensed under the Act shall provide health insurance coverage to all of their workforce.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Insurance Law of the Civil  
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section  
6 1405-25 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1405/1405-25)

8 Sec. 1405-25. Uninsured Ombudsman Program.

9 (a) The Department of Insurance shall establish and  
10 operate an Ombudsman Program for uninsured individuals to  
11 provide assistance and education to those individuals  
12 regarding health insurance benefits options and rights under  
13 State and federal law. The program may include, but is not  
14 limited to, counseling for uninsured individuals in the  
15 discovery, evaluation, and comparison of options for obtaining  
16 health insurance coverage.

17 (b) The Department may recruit and train volunteers to  
18 assist in the Ombudsman Program. The volunteers may provide  
19 one-on-one counseling on health insurance availability matters  
20 and provide education to uninsured individuals through public  
21 forums.

22 (c) The Department may issue reasonable rules necessary to  
23 implement this Section.

1       (d) The Department shall conduct a study to better  
2 understand the gaps in health insurance coverage for uninsured  
3 residents in Illinois. The study shall look at reasons why an  
4 individual is uninsured, such as a part-time or full-time  
5 working status, the inability to afford coverage, and the  
6 inability to qualify for coverage under the medical assistance  
7 program established under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid  
8 Code. The study shall additionally look at those residents in  
9 Illinois who are insured and whether they are covered through  
10 an employer-sponsored plan or through the Illinois health  
11 insurance marketplace. The Department shall submit a report of  
12 the findings, as well as the Department's recommendations to  
13 reduce the number of uninsured residents in Illinois, to the  
14 General Assembly no later than 12 months after the effective  
15 date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly.

16       (Source: P.A. 92-331, eff. 1-1-02.)

17       Section 10. The University of Illinois Hospital Act is  
18 amended by adding Section 3.5 as follows:

19       (110 ILCS 330/3.5 new)

20       Sec. 3.5. University of Illinois Hospital workforce;  
21 health insurance required. Notwithstanding any other provision  
22 of law, the University of Illinois Hospital shall provide  
23 health insurance coverage to all of its workforce.

1           Section 15. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by  
2 adding Section 10.5 as follows:

3           (210 ILCS 85/10.5 new)

4           Sec. 10.5. Hospital workforce; health insurance required.  
5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each hospital  
6 licensed under this Act shall provide health insurance  
7 coverage to all of its workforce.