

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5472



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: REP. CANDELARIA J., 95th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILD CARE EDUCATORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a health insurance program for child care educators in this state who are employed not less 2 3 than twenty hours per week, that: (1) Allows any such child care 4 educator to enroll in the state employee health insurance plan, the 5 Covered Connecticut program or any other state-sponsored health 6 insurance plan; (2) is administered by the Commissioner of Social 7 Services, in consultation with the Comptroller and the Office of Early 8 Childhood; (3) allows the state to subsidize premiums and establish a 9 sliding fee scale based on household income for families participating in 10 such program; (4) establishes annual reporting requirements, including 11 data relating to enrollment, costs and outcomes, that the Commissioner 12 of Social Services, in consultation with the Comptroller and the Office 13 of Early Childhood, shall provide to the joint standing committees of the 14 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, 15 human services and insurance, in accordance with the provisions of

- 16 section 11-4a of the general statutes; and (5) requires the Commissioner
- 17 of Social Services to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of
- 18 such program.

Statement of Purpose:

To expand health insurance coverage for child care educators in this state.