

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program at the federal level and to increase funding levels or modified state eligibility levels for qualified children.

WHEREAS, the Legislature regards the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature regards poor child health as a threat to the educational achievement and the social and psychological well-being of the children of our state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers protecting the health of our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers the South Dakota Children's Health Insurance Program to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of the South Dakota Children's Health Insurance Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers the federal funding available for the South Dakota Children's Health Insurance Program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for the children of modest means:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature urges the members of South Dakota's Congressional delegation to the United States Congress to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program to assure federal funding for the South Dakota Children's Health Insurance Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the Governor to use his best efforts to work with South Dakota's Congressional delegation to ensure that the State Children's Health Insurance Program is reauthorized in a timely manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature proclaims that all components of state

government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the Governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for medicaid or the South Dakota Children's Health Insurance Program.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 05, 2007
February 07, 2007

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