

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2230

PARTIAL VETO

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising state health and employment support benefits for incapacitated or disabled individuals.

Sponsors: By Representatives Cody, Pflug, Linville, G. Chandler, Quall and Morris.

House Committee on Health Care

Background:

Congress enacted the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act in November 1999. The legislation gives the states greater flexibility in removing barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities. States are given the option to modify Medicaid income and resource limits for individuals with disabilities who are earning an income. States may also allow working individuals with disabilities to buy into Medicaid even though they are no longer eligible for federal disability benefits.

Summary:

The Department of Social and Health Services will continue medical coverage for individuals with disabilities who go to work and for whom funding is appropriated. The department will establish earned income disregards, cost sharing, and a schedule of premiums that eliminate disincentives to work.

Votes on Final Passage:

Second Special Session

House 83 0

Senate 39 0

Effective: September 20, 2001

Partial Veto Summary: The section is vetoed that would have made the bill null and void because the Omnibus Appropriations Act did not contain a specific reference to the bill number.

