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Brief Description: Providing for a subsidization of certain employer-sponsored health insurance plans.

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Finds that many low-wage workers and their families are eligible for, or receive health insurance coverage through, the basic health plan and medical assistance programs. Some of these low-wage workers may work for employers who do not offer health insurance or may have access to employer-sponsored health insurance for themselves and their dependents, but that insurance may be unaffordable for the worker.

Finds that pilot projects should be established to determine whether it is appropriate to use basic health plan and medical assistance funds to subsidize premium shares for employer-sponsored health insurance when such a subsidy would be cost-effective for the state.