

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1375

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Health & Long-Term Care, February 19, 2004

**Title:** An act relating to basic health plan eligibility of persons studying in the United States under temporary visas.

**Brief Description:** Eliminating basic health plan eligibility of persons holding student visas.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Dickerson, Sommers, Cody, Wallace, Campbell and McMahan.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long-Term Care: 3/27/03, 4/2/03 [DP]; 2/19/04, [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Deccio, Chair; Winsley, Vice Chair; Brandland, Franklin, Keiser, Parlette and Thibaudeau.

**Staff:** Jonathan Seib (786-7427)

**Background:** Currently, enrollment in the Basic Health Plan is limited to people who are ineligible for Medicare, not confined in government-operated facilities, live in an area of the state served by a participating managed care program, have a family income no more than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, and agree to make periodic payments to the plan. An enrollee is not required to be a United States citizen.

**Summary of Bill:** Full-time students on a temporary visa to study in the United States are not eligible to enroll in the Basic Health Plan.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** No one.