

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HJM 4016

As Passed House:

March 6, 2007

Brief Description: Requesting that Congress reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Sponsors: By Representatives Seaquist, Hinkle, Pettigrew, Ormsby, Priest, Anderson, Wood, Hankins, Quall, Cody, Appleton, Morrell, Green, Kelley, Schual-Berke, Hasegawa, Rolfes, Campbell, Ericks, Kenney, VanDeWege, Conway, Goodman, Simpson and Linville.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Health Care & Wellness: 2/21/07, 2/22/07 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/6/07, 96-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requests Congress to reauthorize funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Morrell, Vice Chair; Hinkle, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barlow, Campbell, Condotta, Moeller, Pedersen, Schual-Berke and Seaquist.

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Congress enacted the State Children's Health Insurance Program to provide health coverage to low-income children without health insurance living in households whose income exceeds the Medicaid eligibility level. If Congress does not reauthorize the program, federal funding for this program will end.

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Summary of Bill:

Congress is requested to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program and appropriate sufficient funds to cover all eligible children.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.