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AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.014 and 208.631, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to state medical assistance programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 208.014 and 208.631, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 208.014, 208.631, and 208.730, to read as
3 follows:

208.014. 1. There is hereby established the "Medicaid Reform Commission". The
2 commission shall have as its purpose the study and review of recommendations for reforms of
3 the state Medicaid system. The commission shall consist of ten members:

4 (1) Five members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker; and

5 (2) Five members of the senate appointed by the pro tem.

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7 No more than three members from each house shall be of the same political party. The directors
8 of the department of social services, the department of health and senior services, and the
9 department of mental health or the directors' designees shall serve as ex officio members of the
10 commission.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

11 2. Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses
12 incurred in the discharge of the member's official duties.

13 3. A chair of the commission shall be selected by the members of the commission.

14 4. The commission shall meet as necessary.

15 5. The commission is authorized to contract with a consultant. The compensation of the
16 consultant and other personnel shall be paid from the joint contingent fund or jointly from the
17 senate and house contingent funds until an appropriation is made therefor.

18 6. The commission shall make recommendations in a report to the general assembly by
19 January 1, 2006, on reforming, redesigning, and restructuring a new, innovative state Medicaid
20 healthcare delivery system under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965, amendments to the federal
21 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 30 et. seq.) as amended, to replace the current state
22 Medicaid system under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965, amendments to the federal Social
23 Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 30, et seq.)[, which shall sunset on June 30, 2008].

 208.631. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department
2 of social services shall establish a program to pay for health care for uninsured children.
3 Coverage pursuant to sections 208.631 to 208.660 is subject to appropriation. [The provisions
4 of sections 208.631 to 208.657 shall be void and of no effect after June 30, 2008.]

5 2. For the purposes of sections 208.631 to 208.657, "children" are persons up to nineteen
6 years of age. "Uninsured children" are persons up to nineteen years of age who are emancipated
7 and do not have access to affordable employer-subsidized health care insurance or other health
8 care coverage or persons whose parent or guardian have not had access to affordable
9 employer-subsidized health care insurance or other health care coverage for their children for six
10 months prior to application, are residents of the state of Missouri, and have parents or guardians
11 who meet the requirements in section 208.636. A child who is eligible for medical assistance
12 as authorized in section 208.151 is not uninsured for the purposes of sections 208.631 to
13 208.657.

**208.730. 1. Recognizing that many Missourians do not have health care benefits
2 or health insurance, that health care costs are rising faster than wages, that many small
3 businesses cannot afford to provide health care benefits to their employees, that many
4 employees cannot afford employer-sponsored insurance, that some employers choose not
5 to offer health care benefits, and that Medicaid eligibility and services have been
6 substantially reduced, the Missouri general assembly hereby establishes provisions with
7 the goal of guaranteeing quality affordable health care for every Missourian.**

8 **2. Recognizing that the state Medicaid program and the MC+ for kids program are
9 administratively cost-effective, efficient, and successful programs for providing health
10 insurance to low-income Missourians, including children, parents, seniors, and individuals**

11 with disabilities, that these programs have reduced Missouri's rate of uninsured, that the
12 state Medicaid program and MC+ for kids program have improved access to health care
13 and have resulted in better health outcomes for low-income Missourians, seniors, and
14 children, and that reductions in the state Medicaid program have increased the number
15 of uninsured Missourians and shifted the cost burden to hospitals and privately-insured
16 Missourians, the department of social services shall strengthen the state Medicaid program
17 and MC+ for kids program as part of Missouri's comprehensive strategy to reduce and
18 eliminate its uninsured population by implementing the following:

19 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, eligibility requirements in the state
20 Medicaid program shall be no more restrictive than those in effect on January 1, 2005;
21 except that, for Medicaid eligibility for custodial parents, noncustodial parents, extended
22 transitional medical assistance, and extended women's health services, the eligibility
23 requirements shall be no more restrictive than the January 1, 2002, eligibility
24 requirements; and

25 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, state Medicaid services, cost-
26 sharing (including co-payments and premiums), long-term care services criteria, and MC+
27 for kids affordability standards shall be no more restrictive than the state Medicaid
28 program requirements in effect on January 1, 2005.

29 3. Recognizing that investing in health care for all Missourians is a critically
30 important investment in the future good of all Missourians, as well as a sound economic
31 investment, the general assembly shall:

32 (1) By June 1, 2009, develop a plan that outlines a Missouri solution to provide
33 access to affordable, high-quality health care for all Missourians;

34 (2) Take all necessary steps to ensure meaningful public input into each step of
35 developing the plan. Public meetings and/or hearings shall be held concerning the
36 development of such plan, and the general assembly shall ensure that there is meaningful
37 input from consumers, advocates, health care providers, businesses, and state officials
38 throughout the process; and

39 (3) Base the plan on best practices that have proven effective in providing access
40 to affordable, high-quality health care.

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42 Any implemented changes shall be subject to annual review and evaluation of the impact
43 on providers as well as its impact on those insured.

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