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HOUSE BILL 05-1245

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PERSONS**

102 **RECEIVING PUBLIC HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires an applicant for health care benefits administered by the department of health care policy and financing (state department), including, but not limited to, benefits provided pursuant to the "Colorado Medical Assistance Act" and the children's basic health plan, and a person requesting uncompensated care in a hospital to identify the employer or employers of the proposed beneficiary of the health care benefits, or if the beneficiary is not employed, the adult responsible for providing the beneficiary's support. Requires the state department to

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

report annually to the general assembly regarding employers with 25 or more employees who are public health program beneficiaries. Requires the state department to make the report available to any person who requests such report.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Part 2 of article 1 of title 25.5, Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
4 read:

5 **25.5-1-203. Programs administered by the department -**
6 **uncompensated care - reporting requirements.** (1) AN APPLICANT FOR
7 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS UNDER PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE
8 DEPARTMENT AND A PERSON REQUESTING UNCOMPENSATED CARE IN A
9 HOSPITAL SHALL IDENTIFY THE EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYERS OF THE
10 PROPOSED BENEFICIARY OF HEALTH CARE BENEFITS. IN THE EVENT THE
11 PROPOSED BENEFICIARY IS NOT EMPLOYED, THE APPLICANT SHALL
12 IDENTIFY THE EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYERS OF ANY ADULT WHO IS
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ALL OR SOME OF THE PROPOSED
14 BENEFICIARY'S SUPPORT.

15 (2) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE
16 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
17 IDENTIFYING ALL EMPLOYERS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO THE APPLICATION
18 REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WHO EMPLOY
19 TWENTY-FIVE OR MORE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES. IN
20 DETERMINING WHETHER THE TWENTY-FIVE-EMPLOYEE THRESHOLD IS MET,
21 THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE ALL PUBIC HEALTH PROGRAM
22 BENEFICIARIES EMPLOYED BY THE EMPLOYER AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES AT ALL
23 LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE EACH

1 EMPLOYER'S NAME, LOCATION OR LOCATIONS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
2 EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN EACH STATE
3 DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERED HEALTH CARE PROGRAM, AND THE TOTAL
4 COST TO THE STATE FOR PROVIDING HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR THE
5 EMPLOYEES AND ENROLLED DEPENDENTS OF EACH NAMED EMPLOYER.
6 THE REPORT SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE NAMES OF ANY INDIVIDUAL PERSONS
7 RECEIVING BENEFITS AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PRIVACY STANDARDS
8 PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
9 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1320d TO 1320d-8, AS
10 AMENDED.

11 (3) ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO REQUEST A COPY
12 OF THE REPORT PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
13 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE STATE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE SUCH REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PERSON
15 MAKING THE REQUEST.

16 (4) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PROPOSED BENEFICIARY"
17 MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FILES AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS OR
18 HOSPITAL CARE FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF, OR FOR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL
19 ON WHOSE BEHALF AN APPLICATION IS FILED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED
20 TO CHILDREN OR OTHER DEPENDENTS OF THE APPLICANT OR OTHER
21 INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICATION IS FILED.

22 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
23 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
24 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting
25 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state
26 constitution (August 10, 2005, if adjournment sine die is on May 11,
27 2005); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an

1 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
2 section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of
3 the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the
4 governor.