

Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5371

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MAXIMIZING MEDICAID AND OTHER

Title: FUNDING FOR HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Vote Date: 3/19/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/7/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Human Services Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

As of 2019, 3.5% of the youth in Connecticut were uninsured. Health insurance coverage for children and youth is essential to support healthy development and will prevent future healthcare costs and needs in the future. Prioritizing the health of children can allow them to reach their fullest potential regardless of where they live, their household income, or their immigration status. This bill will require a working group to be created to study the costs and benefits of expanding the HUSKY program to all children throughout the state regardless of income or immigration status.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language eliminates the HUSKY for all under 19 study and requires a study on Medicaid and other funding for health care gaps, including remote fetal monitoring, peer support services, uninsured violence victims, and terminally ill children with severe health needs.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed on the substitute language.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed on the substitute language.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed on the substitute language.

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