

1 Introduced by House Committee on Health Care

2 Date:

3 Subject: Health; Agency of Human Services; Dr. Dynasaur; pregnant women;  
4 children; immigration

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand  
6 eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur to all income-eligible children and pregnant  
7 individuals, regardless of immigration status, by July 1, 2022. It would  
8 appropriate one-time funds to the Agency of Human Services to begin  
9 implementing the expansion and would direct the Agency to include the full  
10 costs of covering income-eligible pregnant women and children who are  
11 undocumented immigrants on Dr. Dynasaur in the Agency fiscal year 2023  
12 budget proposal.

13 An act relating to expanding eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur to all income-  
14 eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status

15 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

16 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1901c is added to read:

17 § 1901c. DR. DYNASAUR COVERAGE FOR UNDOCUMENTED

18 IMMIGRANTS

1        The Agency of Human Services shall provide coverage under the Dr.  
2        Dynasaur program to children and pregnant individuals who are undocumented  
3        immigrants but who would otherwise be eligible for medical assistance from  
4        the State under Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) of Title XIX of the Social  
5        Security Act.

6        Sec. 2. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; DR. DYNASAUR  
7                EXPANSION; APPROPRIATION

8        The sum of \$1,400,000.00 in one-time funds is appropriated to the Agency  
9        of Human Services in fiscal year 2022 to begin implementation of the Dr.  
10       Dynasaur expansion set forth in Sec. 1 of this act, including language-  
11       appropriate outreach to the affected and health care provider communities.

12       Sec. 3. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; DR. DYNASAUR  
13                EXPANSION; FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL

14       The Agency of Human Services shall include the full costs of expanding  
15       Dr. Dynasaur eligibility to undocumented immigrants pursuant to 33 V.S.A.  
16       § 1901c in the Agency’s fiscal year 2023 budget proposal.

17       Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

18       (a) Sec. 2 (Agency of Human Services; Dr. Dynasaur expansion;  
19       appropriation) shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

20       (b) The remainder of this act shall take effect on passage, with the Agency  
21       of Human Services making coverage available to eligible undocumented

- 1 immigrants under Dr. Dynasaur in accordance with Sec. 1 (33 V.S.A. § 1901c)
- 2 not later than July 1, 2022.