

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 430 entitled “An act relating to expanding eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur to
4 all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration
5 status” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
6 that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all
7 after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. chapter 19, subchapter 9 is added to read:

9 Subchapter 9. Coverage for Additional Populations

10 § 2091. DR. DYNASAUR-LIKE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN VERMONT

11 RESIDENTS

12 (a) As used in this section, the term “Vermont residents who have an
13 immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available” includes
14 migrant workers who are employed in seasonal occupations in this State.

15 (b) The Agency of Human Services shall provide hospital, medical, dental,
16 and prescription drug coverage to the following categories of Vermont
17 residents who have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not
18 available and who are otherwise uninsured:

19 (1) children under 19 years of age whose household income does not
20 exceed 317 percent of the federal poverty level; and

1 (2) pregnant individuals whose household income does not exceed 213
2 percent of the federal poverty level, for coverage during their pregnancy and
3 for 60 days postpartum.

4 **(c) The confidentiality provisions set forth in section 1902a of this**
5 **chapter shall apply to all applications submitted and records created**
6 **under the authority of this section, except that the Agency of Human**
7 **Services shall not make any information regarding applicants or enrollees**
8 **available to the United States government.**

9 (d) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules in accordance with 3
10 V.S.A. chapter 25 to carry out the purposes of this section.

11 Sec. 2. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; OUTREACH AND PROVIDER
12 GRANTS; IMPLEMENTATION; APPROPRIATION

13 The sum of \$1,400,000.00 in one-time funds is appropriated to the Agency
14 of Human Services in fiscal year 2022 to be used for the following purposes:

15 (1) Grants or reimbursements, or both, to health care providers for
16 delivering health care services during fiscal year 2022 to children and pregnant
17 individuals who have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is
18 not available.

19 (2) Grants to Vermont organizations that work with members of
20 Vermont’s undocumented immigrant community or with members of the
21 health care provider community to provide culturally and linguistically

1 **appropriate** outreach and information regarding opportunities for children and
2 pregnant individuals in Vermont who have an immigration status for which
3 Medicaid coverage is not available to access health care services at low or no
4 cost in fiscal year 2022 and thereafter. **The outreach and information shall**
5 **include information on the confidentiality of records pertaining to**
6 **applicants and enrollees.**

7 (3) Implementing the technological and operational processes necessary
8 for the Department of Vermont Health Access to administer the coverage for
9 Vermont residents who have an immigration status for which Medicaid
10 coverage is not available as set forth in 33 V.S.A. § 2091 beginning on July 1,
11 2022.

12 Sec. 3. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; DR. DYNASAUR-LIKE
13 COVERAGE; FISCAL YEAR 2023 ESTIMATE

14 The Agency of Human Services shall provide information on the estimated
15 fiscal year 2023 costs of providing coverage to Vermont residents who have an
16 immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available pursuant to
17 33 V.S.A. § 2091 beginning on July 1, 2022 as part of the Agency’s fiscal year
18 2023 budget presentation to the House Committees on Appropriations and on
19 Health Care and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and
20 Welfare.

1 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

2 (a) Sec. 2 (Agency of Human Services; outreach and provider grants;
3 implementation; appropriation) shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

4 (b) The remaining sections shall take effect on passage, with the Agency of
5 Human Services making coverage available to Vermont residents who have an
6 immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available in accordance
7 with Sec. 1 (33 V.S.A. § 2091) beginning on July 1, 2022, subject to fiscal
8 year 2023 appropriations for this purpose.

9 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act
10 relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible
11 children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status”

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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