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SENATE BILL 13-008

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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McCann,

Senate Committees
Health & Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ELIMINATION OF THE WAITING PERIOD FOR CHILDREN'S
102 ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Under current law, a child is eligible for children's basic health plan benefits if he or she has not been on a comparable health plan with an employer paying at least 50% of the cost for at least 3 months. The bill eliminates this waiting period.

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.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-8-109, **amend**
3 (1) as follows:

4 **25.5-8-109. Eligibility - children - pregnant women.** (1) To be
5 eligible for a subsidy, a child must not ~~have currently nor in the three~~
6 ~~months prior to application for the plan have been~~ BE insured by a
7 comparable health plan through an employer, with the employer
8 contributing at least fifty percent of the premium cost. ~~Children who have~~
9 ~~lost insurance coverage due to a change in or loss of employment shall~~
10 ~~not be subject to the waiting period.~~

11 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect on July 1,
12 2013.

13 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.