

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; LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

11 **In establishing Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for children and pregnant**  
12 **individuals who are not eligible for the Dr. Dynasaur program because of**  
13 **their immigration status, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the**  
14 **hospital, medical, dental, and prescription drug benefits and eligibility**  
15 **criteria for the coverage set forth in section 2092 of this chapter should**  
16 **align to the greatest extent practicable with the benefits and eligibility**  
17 **criteria of the Dr. Dynasaur program.**

18 § 2092. DR. DYNASAUR-LIKE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN VERMONT

19 RESIDENTS

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

4       (b) The Agency of Human Services shall provide hospital, medical, dental,  
5 and prescription drug coverage **equivalent to coverage in the Vermont**  
6 **Medicaid State Plan** to the following categories of Vermont residents who  
7 have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available and  
8 who are otherwise uninsured:

9           (1) children under 19 years of age whose household income does not  
10 exceed ~~317 percent of the federal poverty level~~ **the income threshold for**  
11 **eligibility under the Vermont Medicaid State Plan**; and

12           (2) pregnant individuals whose household income does not exceed ~~213~~  
13 percent of the federal poverty level **the income threshold for eligibility under**  
14 **the Vermont Medicaid State Plan**, for coverage during their pregnancy and  
15 for ~~60 days~~ postpartum **coverage equivalent to that available under the**  
16 **Vermont Medicaid State Plan.**

17       (c) **The confidentiality provisions set forth in section 1902a of this**  
18 **chapter shall apply to all applications submitted and records created**  
19 **pursuant to this section, except that the Agency of Human Services shall**  
20 **not make any information regarding applicants or enrollees available to**  
21 **the United States government.**

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

3        Sec. 2. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; OUTREACH AND PROVIDER  
4        GRANTS; IMPLEMENTATION; APPROPRIATION

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

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

11              (2) Grants to Vermont organizations that work with members of  
12              Vermont’s undocumented immigrant community or with members of the  
13              health care provider community to provide **culturally and linguistically**  
14              **appropriate** outreach and information regarding opportunities for children and  
15              pregnant individuals in Vermont who have an immigration status for which  
16              Medicaid coverage is not available to access health care services at low or no  
17              cost in fiscal year 2022 and thereafter. **The outreach and information shall**  
18              **include information on the confidentiality of records pertaining to**  
19              **applicants and enrollees.**

20              (3) Implementing the technological and operational processes necessary  
21              for the Department of Vermont Health Access to administer the coverage for

1 Vermont residents who have an immigration status for which Medicaid  
2 coverage is not available as set forth in 33 V.S.A. § 2092 beginning on July 1,  
3 2022.

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

6 The Agency of Human Services shall provide information on the estimated  
7 fiscal year 2023 costs of providing coverage to Vermont residents who have an  
8 immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available pursuant to  
9 33 V.S.A. § 2092 beginning on July 1, 2022 as part of the Agency’s fiscal year  
10 2023 budget presentation to the House Committees on Appropriations and on  
11 Health Care and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and  
12 Welfare.

13 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

16 (b) The remaining sections shall take effect on passage, with the Agency of  
17 Human Services making coverage available to Vermont residents who have an  
18 immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available in accordance  
19 with Sec. 1 (33 V.S.A. § 2092) beginning on July 1, 2022, subject to fiscal  
20 year 2023 appropriations for this purpose.

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

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10           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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