

By Senator Jones

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to displaced low-income workers; authorizing the Department of Children and Family Services to provide Medicaid eligibility by rule to certain unemployed persons; authorizing the state to provide a COBRA insurance premium subsidy to certain unemployed persons; providing for future expiration; providing effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) The Department of Children and Family Services may provide by rule that persons who become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, who are not eligible for insurance coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) shall be eligible for Medicaid coverage.

(2) This section expires December 31, 2002.

(3) This section shall take effect on the effective date of federal legislation authorizing the expansion of Medicaid coverage to persons who become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, if such federal legislation provides for enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates.

Section 2. (1) For persons who become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, who are eligible for insurance coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) but who are unable to afford the premium, the state may subsidize up to 25 percent of the premium.

(2) This section expires December 31, 2002.

1           (3) This section shall take effect on the effective  
2 date of federal legislation authorizing a 75-percent premium  
3 subsidy for persons eligible for COBRA insurance coverage who  
4 become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, if such  
5 federal legislation provides for enhanced federal Medicaid  
6 matching rates.

7           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
8 law.

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11                                       LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

12           Effective on the effective date of federal enabling  
13           legislation providing for enhanced federal Medicaid  
14           matching rates, authorizes the Department of Children and  
15           Family Services to provide Medicaid eligibility by rule  
16           to persons who become or became unemployed after  
17           September 11, 2001, and are ineligible for COBRA  
18           insurance coverage. Effective on the effective date of  
19           federal legislation providing a 75-percent premium  
20           subsidy for persons eligible for COBRA coverage who  
21           become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, and  
22           who are unable to afford the premium, authorizes a state  
23           subsidy of up to 25 percent of the premium, if enhanced  
24           federal Medicaid matching rates are provided. Provides  
25           for future expiration.