

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to health care disclosure; providing
 3 definitions; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation
 4 of the Department of Financial Services to identify
 5 employers of persons receiving certain medical assistance
 6 and employers of proposed beneficiaries of certain health
 7 care benefits; requiring reports to the Legislature;
 8 providing for public access to such information; providing
 9 an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Medical assistance.--

14 (1) For purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Small employer" means any person, firm, corporation,
 16 partnership, association, political subdivision, or self-
 17 employed individual that is actively engaged in business that,
 18 during the preceding calendar quarter, employed no more than 50
 19 employees who worked an average of 30 or more hours per week.

20 (b) "Large employer" means any person, firm, corporation,
 21 partnership, association, political subdivision, or self-
 22 employed individual that is actively engaged in business that,
 23 during the preceding calendar quarter, employed more than 50
 24 employees who worked an average of 30 or more hours per week.

25 (2) On or before February 1 of each year, the Office of
 26 Insurance Regulation of the Department of Financial Services
 27 shall provide to the appropriate committees of the Senate and
 28 House of Representatives a report that identifies employers

29 whose employees are receiving benefits through medical
 30 assistance for themselves or their dependents. The report must
 31 include whether the employer is a large employer or a small
 32 employer, and for each employer:

33 (a) The name and address of the employer.

34 (b) The number of employees who are receiving benefits
 35 through medical assistance.

36 (c) The number of enrollees who are spouses or dependents
 37 of their employees.

38 (d) Whether the employer offers health benefits to his or
 39 her employees.

40 (e) The cost to the state of providing medical assistance
 41 for their employees and enrolled dependents.

42 Section 2. Health care benefits.--

43 (1) Any applicant for health care benefits under public
 44 assistance programs, including, but not limited to, Medicaid or
 45 the Children's Medical Services Network, shall identify the
 46 employer or employers of the proposed beneficiary of the health
 47 care benefits. In the event the proposed beneficiary is not
 48 employed, the applicant shall identify the employer or employers
 49 of any adult who is responsible for providing all or some of the
 50 proposed beneficiary's support. As used in this section, the
 51 term "proposed beneficiary" means any individual who files an
 52 application for benefits for himself or herself or any other
 53 individual on whose behalf an application is filed, including,
 54 but not limited to, children or other dependents of the
 55 applicant or other individual for whom the application is filed.

56 (2) On or before July 1 of each year, the Office of
57 Insurance Regulation of the Department of Financial Services
58 shall provide to the appropriate committees of the Senate and
59 House of Representatives a report that identifies employers of a
60 proposed beneficiary, or of the adult responsible for a proposed
61 beneficiary's support, of applicants for health care benefits
62 pursuant to the requirements in subsection (1). The report shall
63 include the name and address of the employer and the total
64 number of employees and dependants who are enrolled in each
65 state-funded health care program. No other information regarding
66 program beneficiaries shall be included in the report. In
67 addition to filing the report with the appropriate committees of
68 the Senate and the House of Representatives, the office shall
69 make the report available to the public through the office's
70 Internet website. Any member of the public shall have the right
71 to request and receive a copy of the report published pursuant
72 to this subsection.

73 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.