CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>

Representative Bean offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

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Remove lines 963-1026 and insert:

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children of the policyholder or certificateholder, the policy must insure a dependent child of the policyholder or certificateholder at least until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 25, if the child meets all of the following:

If an insurer offers coverage that insures dependent

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- (a) The child is dependent upon the policyholder or certificateholder for support.
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(b) The child is living in the household of the policyholder or certificateholder, or the child is a full-time or part-time student.

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- (2) A policy that is subject to the requirements of subsection (1) must also offer the policyholder or certificateholder the option to insure a child of the policyholder or certificateholder at least until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 30, if the child:
- (a) Is unmarried and does not have a dependent of his or her own;
- (b) Is a resident of this state or a full-time or parttime student; and
- (c) Is not provided coverage as a named subscriber, insured, enrollee, or covered person under any other group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policy or individual health benefits plan, or entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.
- (3) If, pursuant to subsection (2), a child is provided coverage under the parent's policy after the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches age 25, and coverage for the child is subsequently terminated, the child is not eligible to be covered under the parent's policy unless the child was continuously covered by other creditable coverage without a gap in coverage of more than 63 days. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "creditable coverage" has the same meaning as defined in s. 627.6561(5).
- (4) (2) Nothing in This section does not affect or preempt affects or preempts an insurer's right to medically underwrite or charge the appropriate premium. (b) Require coverage for services provided to a dependent before October 1, 2008.

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- (c) Require an employer to pay all or part of the cost of coverage provided for a dependent under this section.
- (d) Prohibit an insurer or health maintenance organization from increasing the limiting age for dependent coverage to age 30 in policies or contracts issued or renewed prior to the effective date of this act.
- (5) Until April 1, 2009, a dependent child who qualifies for coverage under subsection (1) but whose coverage as a dependent child under a covered person's plan terminated under the terms of the plan before October 1, 2008, may make a written election to reinstate coverage, without proof of insurability, under that plan as a dependent child pursuant to this section. All other dependent children who qualify for coverage under subsection (1) shall be automatically covered at least until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 30, unless the covered person provides the group policyholder with written evidence the dependent child is married, is not a resident of the state, is covered under a separate comprehensive health insurance policy or a health benefit plan, is entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, Pub. L. No. 89-97, 42 U.S.C. ss. 1935 et seq., or is eligible for coverage as an employee under an employer-sponsored health plan.
- (6) The covered person's plan may require the payment of a premium by the covered person or dependent child, as appropriate, subject to the approval of the Office of Insurance Regulation, for any period of coverage relating to a dependent's written election for coverage pursuant to subsection (3).

- (7) Notice regarding the reinstatement of coverage for a dependent child as provided under this section must be provided to a covered person in the certificate of coverage prepared for covered persons by the insurer or by the covered person's employer. The notice shall be given as soon as practicable after July 1, 2008, and such notice may be given through the group policyholder.
- (8) This section does not apply to accident only, specified disease, disability income, Medicare supplement, or long-term care insurance policies.
 - (9) This section applies to all group, blanket, and

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 101-122 and insert:

coverage; amending s. 627.6562, F.S.; requiring insurance

policies that provide dependent coverage to provide the

policyholder with the option of insuring a child until the age

of 30 under certain circumstances; amending s. 641.402, F.S.;

revising the