

SENATE BILL No. 121

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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9 AN ACT concerning health care; relating to reform in funding and struc-
10 ture of the federal and state programs.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. The legislature finds that affordable health care is a nec-
14 essary part of a prosperous and healthy Kansas. The legislature further
15 finds that in order to promote the prosperity of all Kansans, health in-
16 surance and health care must be made affordable. Private insurance may
17 be the primary means of ensuring affordable costs, however, when health
18 insurance and health care costs rise to unacceptable levels, the legislature
19 finds that it is the role of government to provide health care that is rea-
20 sonably cost-effective for the consumer and the health care provider. The
21 legislature recognizes that the state rather than the federal government
22 is better equipped to efficiently administer programs that are providing
23 coverage for adequate health care, currently estimated to have a current
24 annual cost of over \$3,500,000,000 at the state level.

25 Sec. 2. The governor and the Kansas health policy authority are
26 hereby directed to request the federal government to grant all necessary
27 waivers and exemptions from the prescribed uses of funding for medicaid,
28 medicare, the federal employee retirements income security act of 1974,
29 the state children's health insurance program and any other relevant fed-
30 eral law to provide for the transfer of the federal moneys provided to
31 Kansas in the form of single annual block grant for the purpose of pro-
32 viding health care to the residents of Kansas.

33 Sec. 3. The governor, through the Kansas health policy authority,
34 may enter into an agreement with the United States department of health
35 and human services and the United States department of veterans affairs
36 for the provision of health care benefits for those persons who would
37 otherwise be eligible for medicaid, medicare, the state children's health
38 insurance program, and veteran health benefits. The agreement shall out-
39 line a pilot project that will consolidate federal government health pro-
40 grams to a single-payer system that will provide health care and health
41 promotion in a manner that is equitable and sustainable for consumers,
42 providers, purchasers and government. The agreement and the pilot pro-
43 ject contained therein shall continue for five federal fiscal years.

1 Sec. 4. The coordinating federal health care fund is hereby created
2 in the state treasury. The coordinating federal health care fund shall be
3 administered by the Kansas health policy authority. After the granting of
4 all necessary federal waivers and exemptions, and upon acceptance of the
5 agreement between all of the parties specified in section 3, and amend-
6 ments thereto, the executive director of the Kansas health policy authority
7 shall deposit all funds received from the federal government under this
8 act into the coordinating federal health care fund. All expenditures from
9 the coordinating federal health care fund shall be in accordance with the
10 provisions of appropriation acts upon vouchers approved by the executive
11 director of the Kansas health policy authority or the executive director's
12 designee. The moneys credited to the coordinating federal health care
13 fund shall be used solely for the funding of those program benefits spec-
14 ified in the agreement authorized by section 3, and amendments thereto,
15 and such moneys shall not be used to replace or substitute for moneys
16 appropriated for the operating expenditures of the Kansas health policy
17 authority or any other agency of state government.
18 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
19 publication in the statute book.