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House of Representatives, February 2, 2017

### **An Act To Close the Gap in Children's Health Care Coverage in Maine**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and  
Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALABY of Hancock,  
Senator: MAKER of Washington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-T, sub-§2, ¶C**, as reallocated by RR 1997, c. 2, §46, is  
3 amended to read:

4 C. All children resident in the State are eligible except a child who:

5 (1) Is eligible for coverage under the Medicaid program;

6 (2) Is covered under a group health insurance plan or under health insurance, as  
7 defined in Section 2791 of the federal Public Health Service Act, 42 United  
8 States Code, Section 300gg(c) (Supp. 1997);

9 ~~(3) Is a member of a family that is eligible under Title 5, section 285 for health~~  
10 ~~coverage under the state employee health insurance program;~~

11 (4) Is an inmate in a public institution or a patient in an institution for mental  
12 diseases; or

13 (5) Within the 3 months prior to application for coverage under the Cub Care  
14 program, was insured or otherwise provided coverage under an employer-based  
15 health plan for which the employer paid 50% or more of the cost for the child's  
16 coverage, except that this subparagraph does not apply if:

17 (a) The cost to the employee of coverage for the family exceeds 10% of the  
18 family's income;

19 (b) The parent lost coverage for the child because of a change in  
20 employment, termination of coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus  
21 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, COBRA, of the Employee Retirement  
22 Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 United States Code, Sections  
23 1161 to 1168 (Supp. 1997) or termination for a reason not in the control of  
24 the employee; or

25 (c) The department has determined that grounds exist for a good-cause  
26 exception.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill allows children of state employees to be eligible for the State Children's  
29 Health Insurance Program as long as they meet the other eligibility requirements.