

SENATE FILE 115

BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 20)

Passed Senate, Date 2/7/91 (p. 258) Passed House, Date 4/15/91 (p. 1250)

Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 99 Nays 0

Approved May 7, 1991 (p. 1717)

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4/22/91 (p. 1380)
ayes 48, Nays 0*

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the income eligibility level for the payment
2 of indigent obstetrical and newborn care costs.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 115

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2 as follows:

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10 and inpatient transportation costs, for indigent obstetrical
11 and newborn care provided by the University university of Iowa
12 hospitals and clinics and by other licensed hospitals and
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15 hundred fifty eighty-five percent of the annual revision of
16 the poverty income guidelines published by the United States
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20 for necessary obstetrical and newborn care and orthopedic
21 care. The minimum standards may include a spend-down
22 provision. The resource standards shall be set at or above
23 the resource standards under the federal supplemental security
24 income program. The resource exclusions allowed under the
25 federal supplemental security income program shall be allowed
26 and shall include resources necessary for self-employment.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill increases the percent of the poverty income
29 guidelines published by the United States department of health
30 and human services from 150 percent to 185 percent for the
31 determination of eligibility for payment of indigent
32 obstetrical and newborn services costs.

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11 general fund and by increasing".
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By HAMMOND of Story
CARPENTER of Polk

H-3524 FILED APRIL 5, 1991

Adopted 4/15/91 (p. 1256)

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S-3439 FILED APRIL 16, 1991

Senate concurred 4/22/91 (p. 1281)

BLAIR, CH.
HANNON
RITTMER

SSB 20
HUMAN RESOURCES

SENATE/HOUSE FILE 1/5
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH BILL)

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

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The income eligibility standard for the Obstetrical

1 Indigent Care (OB) Program is 150 percent of federal poverty
2 guidelines. In contrast, the eligibility for Maternal and
3 Child Health (MCH) services and Medicaid for pregnant women is
4 185 percent of poverty guidelines. Changing the eligibility
5 from 150 percent to 185 percent for the OB Program will
6 eliminate an inconsistency that causes confusion and hardship
7 for clients. This change would not increase the number of
8 women qualifying for the OB Program.

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OBSTETRICAL AND NEWBORN INDIGENT PATIENTS CARE PROGRAM BY PROVIDING FOR THE REVERSION OF THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND AND BY INCREASING THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVEL FOR THE PAYMENT OF INDIGENT OBSTETRICAL AND NEWBORN CARE COSTS.

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income program. The resource exclusions allowed under the federal supplemental security income program shall be allowed and shall include resources necessary for self-employment.

Sec. 2. Section 255A.14, Code 1991, is repealed.

JOE J. NELSH
President of the Senate

ROBERT C. ARNOULD
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 115, Seventy-fourth General Assembly.

JOHN P. DWYER
Secretary of the Senate

Approved *May 7*, 1991

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor

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