State Children's Health Insurance Program and Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight; SB 271

SB 271 changes the household gross income eligibility requirement for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and changes the meeting dates of the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight.

State Children's Health Insurance Program

The bill changes the household gross income eligibility requirement for the State CHIP from 250.0 percent of the 2008 federal poverty level to 250.0 percent of the current federal poverty income guidelines, with coverage subject to appropriation of funds and eligibility requirements.

The bill also requires the Secretary of Health and Environment (Secretary) to adopt rules and regulations to establish a premium by sliding-fee scale that charges per family.

The bill allows coverage for pregnant Kansas children, subject to verification of pregnancy by the Secretary, as allowed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The bill also provides coverage for an eligible child at the time of renewal, if a family is eligible for coverage and pays all of the delinquent premiums.

Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight Meeting Dates

The bill changes the meeting day requirements of the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight, to meet at least once each quarter, while retaining the requirement for the meetings to be two consecutive days in the third and fourth quarters. [*Note:* Prior law specified the Committee was to meet at least once in January and once in April when the Legislature was in regular session.]