

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 407

As Amended by Senate Committee on Public
Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 407, as amended, would change the household gross income eligibility requirement for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from 250 percent of the 2008 federal poverty level to 250 percent of the current federal poverty income guidelines, with coverage subject to appropriation of funds and eligibility requirements.

The bill also would make technical amendments.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of Senator Hawk on behalf of Senator Pettey.

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In the Senate Committee hearing on February 17, 2022, Senator Pettey and representatives of Kansas Action for Children and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) testified as **proponents**. The proponents stated Kansas is the only state with statutory language that ties CHIP eligibility to a specific year's federal poverty income level and that the fixed date has excluded some families from CHIP eligibility.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Community Care Network of Kansas, Heartspring, KanCare Advocates Network, Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Oral Health Kansas, and United Methodist Health Ministry Fund.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to restore a provision in current law relating to loss of employment waiting period requirements that the bill, as introduced, would have removed.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDHE estimates enactment of the bill would result in an additional 554 children becoming eligible for CHIP in FY 2023 and an additional 568 children becoming eligible in FY 2024. The agency estimates this would increase expenditures by approximately \$1.4 million, including \$393,764 from the State General Fund (SGF) in FY 2023, and by \$1.4 million, including \$403,608 SGF in FY 2024. KDHE states there would be additional revenue generated by the current \$50 per month premium for the CHIP population estimated to total \$332,400 in FY 2023 and \$340,710 in FY 2024. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

State Children's Health Insurance Program; federal poverty income guidelines