

AMENDMENTS TO LR 10

Introduced by Health and Human Services

1 1. Strike the original provisions and insert the
2 following new provisions:

3 WHEREAS, the Legislature regards the health of our
4 children to be of paramount importance to families in our state;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Legislature regards poor child health as a
7 threat to the educational achievement and social and psychological
8 well-being of the children of our state; and

9 WHEREAS, the Legislature considers protecting the health
10 of our children to be essential to their well-being and the quality
11 of life in our state; and

12 WHEREAS, the Legislature considers "Kids Connection",
13 the children's health insurance program of this state which has
14 enrolled 111,919 uninsured children since its inception in 1998, to
15 be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the
16 children of the State of Nebraska; and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of "Kids
18 Connection" in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating
19 childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall
20 health costs; and

21 WHEREAS, the Legislature considers the federal funding
22 available for "Kids Connection" to be indispensable to providing
23 health benefits for children of modest means.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

3 1. The Legislature urges the members of Nebraska's
4 congressional delegation to ensure that Congress timely
5 reauthorizes the State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to
6 assure appropriate federal funding.

7 2. The Legislature urges the Governor to use his best
8 efforts to work with the Nebraska congressional delegation to
9 ensure that SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner.