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Bill Analysis

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Reps. Skindell, D. Stewart, Miller, Mason, Woodard, Yates, Otterman, S. Smith, Barrett, Cirelli, Chandler, Strahorn, Hartnett, Jerse, Allen, Koziura, DeGeeter, Price, Key, Ujvagi, Perry

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires that application forms for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Disability Medical Assistance provide for the applicant to specify the name and address of each of the applicant's employers and the name and address of each of the employers of all individuals whose income is counted in determining the applicant's eligibility for Medicaid, CHIP, or Disability Medical Assistance.
- Requires the Director of Job and Family Services to complete a report not later than the first day of each February on the employers of all recipients of Medicaid, CHIP, and Disability Medical Assistance and the employers of all individuals whose income is counted in determining the recipients' eligibility.
- Requires that the report include the name and address of each employer included in the report and the total number of each of the employers' employees who are recipients of Medicaid, CHIP, or Disability Medical Assistance or whose income is counted in determining the eligibility of Medicaid, CHIP, and Disability Medical Assistance recipients.
- Provides for a copy of the report to go to the governor and each member of the General Assembly.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Disability Medical Assistance are medical assistance programs for persons who meet

income, resource, and other eligibility requirements.¹ Medicaid and CHIP are funded with federal, state, and county funds. Disability Medical Assistance is funded with state and county funds.

Application forms to include employer information

(R.C. 5101.56 and 5111.013)

The bill requires that application forms for Medicaid, CHIP, and Disability Medical Assistance provide for the applicant to specify the name and address of each of the applicant's employers and the name and address of each of the employers of all individuals whose income is counted in determining the applicant's eligibility for Medicaid, CHIP, or Disability Medical Assistance.

Current law requires that the application form for the Healthy Start component of Medicaid be short and require the applicant to provide no more information than is necessary for making eligibility determinations.² The form is permitted to require applicants to provide their social security numbers. The bill requires that the Healthy Start application form comply with the bill's requirements regarding employer information.

Report on recipients' employers

(R.C. 5101.561)

The bill requires the Director of Job and Family Services to report annually on the employers of all recipients of Medicaid, CHIP, and Disability Medical Assistance and the employers of all individuals whose income is counted in determining the recipients' eligibility. The report must be completed not later than the first day of each February and must include the name and address of each employer included in the report and the total number of each of the employers' employees who are recipients of Medicaid, CHIP, or Disability Medical Assistance or whose income is counted in determining the eligibility of Medicaid,

¹ *CHIP is comprised of parts I and II. CHIP Part I is available to uninsured individuals under age 19 who have family incomes not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty guidelines and meet other eligibility requirements. CHIP Part II is available to uninsured individuals under 19 years of age who have family incomes above 150% but not exceeding 200% of the federal poverty guidelines and meet other eligibility requirements. In Ohio, both CHIP parts are implemented as part of the Medicaid program.*

² *The Healthy Start component of Medicaid is for certain pregnant women and young children.*

CHIP, and Disability Medical Assistance recipients. The report may not include any identifying information about Medicaid, CHIP, or Disability Medical Assistance recipients. The Director is required to provide a copy of the report to the governor and each member of the General Assembly.

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