

Bill as Introduced

HB 1467 - AS INTRODUCED

2010 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **1467**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school.

SPONSORS: Rep. Gile, Merr 10; Rep. Ford, Graf 3

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten

AN ACT establishing a committee to study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study extending Medicaid and
2 similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to
3 individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school.
- 4 2 Membership and Compensation.
- 5 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:
- 6 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.
- 8 (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- 9 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
10 the duties of the committee.
- 11 3 Duties. The committee shall study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and
12 public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children
13 and are attending postsecondary school.
- 14 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
15 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
16 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
17 section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 18 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
19 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
20 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2010.
- 21 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1467

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school.

DATE: January 12, 2010

LOB ROOM: 205 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:05 AM

Time Adjourned: 10:35 AM

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Rosenwald, Donovan, French, Schulze, Tilton, Butcher, Bridgham, E. Merrick, C. Russell, DiPentima, Miller, Batula, C. McMahon, Pilliod, Emerson, Case, Millham, Wells, Cebrowski and Kotowski.

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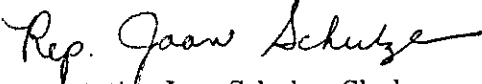
TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

***Representative Mary Stuart Gile, sponsor – supports.** See written testimony. This bill is a follow-up to HB 502 in 2007. She believes the bill would be strengthened with more study. Only New Hampshire institutions would be involved. Healthy Kids will extend services to age 16 years at a high cost. Who knows what is going to happen with Health Reform. A study committee could look at other options to cover the health care. Public and private cannot identify them.

Representative Susan Ford, co sponsor, CASA – supports. She related stories of persons who have received scholarships and have problems paying for health care. Concerned re: youngsters she has and is working with as a CASA worker. She believes the Federal program will eventually cover these kids. A study committee would be helpful. The need is huge. A state wide interest is needed.

Respectfully submitted,


Representative Joan Schulze, Clerk

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see submitted Testimony
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Testimony

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HB1467

TESTIMONY ON HB 1467
Presented to
The House Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs
January 12, 2010

Good Morning. For the record, I am Mary Stuart Gile and I represent Merrimack District 10 which includes Wards 1, 2, & 3 in Concord. I am the prime sponsor of HB 1467, an act establishing a committee to study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school. I am here to request your support.

HB 1467 is a follow-up to HB 502 proposed in the House Children and Family Law Committee in 2007 to allow foster families to receive subsidies for foster children attending postsecondary education facilities and establishing a scholarship fund for foster children. The bill was sent to subcommittee and retained in 2007. As part of their study, the subcommittee heard testimony from a former foster student attending Keene State College. Former foster care students attending NH postsecondary institutions have access to tuition waivers and additional funds for books, supplies and some housing. When asked what their most pressing need was, the reply was health insurance. The Children and Family Law subcommittee took this into consideration, changed the title of the bill to read "An act extending Medicaid coverage through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary schools and recommended OTP-A to the full committee. It passed with a vote of 18-0.

The full House adopted the Children and Family Law Committee report on a voice vote and HB 502 was sent to the Finance Committee. Finance voted 19-0 for interim study and subsequently voted to Recommend for Future Legislation.

During the Finance Committee's Division III deliberation, a fiscal note was offered based on the assumption that 40 children from foster care and 10 from DJJS who were attending postsecondary schools would be eligible for Medicaid at a cost of approximately \$4000/student/year. Coincidentally, 2007 was the first year that UNH passed a policy requiring all students to carry health insurance. Rep. Nordgren, Chair of Division III requested the cost/student/year for a UNH policy. The response was \$1500/student/year, approximately \$2500/student/year less than Medicaid.

So here we are two years later following up on the Finance Committee's recommendation for future legislation. However, rather than request implementation of a health insurance policy for our former foster care students now in college, HB 1467 proposes a study committee to research all the options. The numbers of eligible students are appallingly low. (Please see attached sheet).

In NH, according to the 2007 Kids Count, five of every 1000 children are in out-of-home placements. 48% are in foster care; 7% in therapeutic foster care; 8% are in secured

residential care; 36% are in group homes and 1% are designated Other. 58-59% of NH's foster care children are boys.

There are initiatives in other states to provide health insurance to former foster care children who are under a certain age. Some provide health insurance across the board, others offer it as incentives to encourage youth to attend college.

I hope that you will agree to support foster care children who are in postsecondary schools, help them to complete their education by finding some means to provide them with health insurance. Please bear in mind that when minor children are removed from their homes as part of our child protection laws, the state assumes guardianship for parental responsibilities. If these same children were to remain in their families beyond age 18 and should they make the decision to attend college, they would be covered by their parents' health insurance policy until they complete their course of study.

Our former foster children attending college are to be commended for overcoming many obstacles early in their lives to graduate from high school and be admitted to college. I hope that you will vote to support HB 1467 so that we can find a way to provide health insurance at least until they reach age 20. Thank you.

HB 502 (2007-2008)

HB 502 (as Introduced) allowing foster families to receive subsidies for foster children attending postsecondary educational facilities and establishing a scholarship fund for foster children

Retained in 2007

In 2008 Children and Family Law recommended OTP-A (18-0):

Rep. Beth R Arsenault for Children and Family Law: This bill extends medicaid coverage to students through age 20 who are attending post secondary schools and who were in foster care on their 18th birthday. The bill also establishes a study committee to examine other state programs that extend support services to former foster children such as extending health care benefits to age 21 for those who are attending college.

Full House adopted committee report by voice vote.

New Title: extending Medicaid coverage through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school

Referred to Finance which recommended Interim Study (19-0):

Rep. Bonnie G Mitchell for Finance: The committee felt that this was important policy to support. We recommended Interim Study in order to work with the department of health and human services to identify the funds to support the policy. One idea may be to use TANF reserve funds for this purpose as foster children who are supported to attend college would be less likely to need TANF support.

Finance subsequently Recommended for Future Legislation (19-0):

The committee recommended future legislation to perhaps find a way to come up with a waiver or funding for these students. With the fiscal situation the state is in now, there are no funds for this. Also there may be a way to create a scholarship fund.

Rep. Beverly T. Rodeschin

Tuition Waiver for Foster and Adopted Children Recipient Breakdown

	Spring 2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	Total to date
Applicants	11	34	56	101
Waiver Recipients	4	13*	20	37
Aged Out Youth	3	10	13	26
Adopted Youth	1	3	7	11
DCYF	4	12	18	34
DJJS	0	1	0	1
DCYF/DJJS joint case	0	0	2	2

***3 waivers Spring 09 only**



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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October 28th 2009

Senator Kathleen Sgambati , Chairman
Health and Human Service Oversight Committee
Room 103, State House
Concord, NH 03301

Representative Mary Stewart Gile, Chairman
Children and Family Law Committee
Room 206, Legislative Office Building
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Report on the status of the tuition waiver program for foster and adopted children

Dear Senator Sgambati and Representative Gile:

As you may recall, SB 168 (2007) (Chapter Laws 2007, 366:1) established a tuition waiver program for foster and adopted children. That legislation requires the Department to report annually to the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee and to the Children and Family Law Committee on the status of the program. Accordingly, please accept the following as the Division's report on the current status of the program:

Following the effective date of the legislation, September 15, 2007, the Division for Children, Youth and Families worked in collaboration with the New Hampshire Postsecondary Commission, the financial aid directors from the USNH schools, the Community Colleges and Granite State College to create the first tuition waiver application in the fall of 2007. With the first semester already underway it was agreed to focus the application on the second semester scheduled to begin in January of 2008.

The NH DCYF distributed the application in a variety of ways including emails to eligible youth, emails to staff working with eligible youth, emails to staff working with foster parents, emails to residential facilities and other involved agencies. A letter was sent out to individuals who had adopted a youth from DCYF care and articles about the tuition waiver program were published in various agency publications.

A total of 11 applications were received and certified with 4 youth receiving a waiver.

In March of 2008 the application for the 2008-2009 academic year was distributed in a manner similar to the initial application. There was a deadline for the application to be received by the NH DCYF by April 4th. A total of 34 applications were received and certified. 10 youth were awarded a waiver for the 2008-2009 year. 3

Tuition Waiver For Foster and Adopted Children Program Application Breakdown

additional youth were awarded a waiver for the spring of 2009 semester bringing the total number of waiver recipients to 13.

In an effort to maximize the number of applications for the 2009-2010 academic year, the NH DCYF and Postsecondary Education Commission started the application process earlier(December of 08) and also made the application available on the Postsecondary Education Commission's website. The application deadline, originally scheduled for March 1st 2009, was extended to March 16.th DCYF Adolescent Workers worked diligently with foster care youth to ensure that they met the institutional filing deadlines required by the colleges. The New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) Center for College Planning provided a series of statewide and regional trainings to foster care youth and their caregivers focused on the college admissions, application and financial aid process. The result was that 56 applications were received, which resulted in the maximum of 20 tuition waiver slots being awarded.

Going forward the NH DCYF and NH Postsecondary Education Commission will continue their collaborative work to support and maximize the Tuition for Foster and Adopted Children Program. This will include working closely with NH colleges and universities to find ways to expedite the waiver notification process and to ensure that all financial and other verification forms are completed by each tuition waiver applicant. DCYF will ensure that training on the financial verification form, which is a new requirement, is included in NHHEAF's statewide and regional trainings and that potential applicants receive support and assistance from staff as needed.

A complete breakdown of the applicants and recipients of the Tuition Waiver Program for Foster and Adopted Children Program is available on pages 3-5 of this document.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any additional questions you may have regarding the status or implementation of this program.

Very truly yours,

Maggie Bishop
Director of DCYF

Cc NH Postsecondary Education Commission

**Tuition Waiver For Foster and Adopted Children Program
Application Breakdown**

Number Of Students that applied for Waiver	Number of Students that received and used the Waiver	Number of students that did not receive the Waiver	Reasons for students to not receive the Waiver
2008 Spring Semester			
11	4	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 3 were no longer enrolled in college ◆ 2 had sufficient financial assistance from grants or scholarships ◆ 2 did not complete the Federal Financial Application for Student Assistance (FAFSA)*
2008-2009 Fall/Spring Semesters			
34	13 (3 for Spring '09 Semester only.)	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 7 were no longer enrolled in college ◆ 9 had sufficient financial assistance from grants or scholarships ◆ 2 did not complete the Federal Financial Application for Student Assistance (FAFSA)* ◆ 2 missed the deadline for completing the application ◆ 1 was already 23 at the time of application
2009-2010 Fall/Spring Semesters			
56	20	36	While a complete breakdown regarding those who did not receive the waiver is unavailable the majority of non-recipients were determined by the college to which they applied, to be missing required financial documentation.

*As required by the NH Postsecondary Education Commission

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1467

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school.

DATE: January 20, 2010

LOB ROOM: 205

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.	OLS Document #:
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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. R. Bridgham

Seconded by Rep. J. Pilliod

Vote: 15-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 15-1

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Joan H. Schulze
Rep. Joan H. Schulze, Clerk

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. *Bridgman*

Seconded by Rep. *Pillish*

Vote: 15-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.) *Consensus*

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

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HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS

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 PH Date: 1 / 12 / 2010 Exec Session Date: / /

Motion: ITL Amendment #:

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Rosenwald, Cindy, Chairman	15	
Donovan, Thomas E, V Chairman	1	
French, Barbara C	2	1
Schulze, Joan H, Clerk	2	
Tilton, Joy K	—	
Butcher, Suzanne S	—	
Bridgham, Robert G	3	
Merrick, Evalyn S	—	
Russell, Trinkia T	—	
DiPentima, Rich T	4	
Miller, Kate W	5	
Batula, Peter L	6	
McMahon, Charles E	7+	
Pilliod, James P	8	
Emerson, Susan	9	
Case, Frank G	10	
Millham, Alida I	11	
Wells, Roger G	12	
Cebrowski, John W	13	
Kotowski, Frank R	14	
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Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 27, 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS to which was referred HB1467,

AN ACT establishing a committee to study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school. Having considered the same, report the same with the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Robert G Bridgham

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS
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Date:	January 20, 2010
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

While there is sympathy within the committee for the idea that the state should have a role in supporting foster children's continuing education, the need for a study committee to determine that role isn't clear. Further, with federal discussions of the future shape of Medicaid ongoing, a study committee to examine the melding of private and Medicaid assistance seems premature.

Vote 15-1.

Rep. Robert G Bridgham
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS

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Budgham

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: HH5+E

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DATE: 1-20-2010 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
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- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No. _____

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 15-1

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. L. M. Budgham
For the Committee

Handwritten initials