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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1931

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1931 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Insurance Law of the Civil
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section
6 1405-25 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1405/1405-25)

8 Sec. 1405-25. Uninsured Ombudsman Program.

9 (a) The Department of Insurance shall establish and
10 operate an Ombudsman Program for uninsured individuals to
11 provide assistance and education to those individuals
12 regarding health insurance benefits options and rights under
13 State and federal law. The program may include, but is not
14 limited to, counseling for uninsured individuals in the
15 discovery, evaluation, and comparison of options for obtaining
16 health insurance coverage.

1 (b) The Department may recruit and train volunteers to
2 assist in the Ombudsman Program. The volunteers may provide
3 one-on-one counseling on health insurance availability matters
4 and provide education to uninsured individuals through public
5 forums.

6 (c) The Department may issue reasonable rules necessary to
7 implement this Section.

8 (d) The Department shall conduct a study to better
9 understand the gaps in health insurance coverage for uninsured
10 residents in Illinois. The study shall look at reasons why an
11 individual is uninsured, such as a part-time or full-time
12 working status, the inability to afford coverage, barriers to
13 accessing employer-sponsored health care, the rationale of
14 health plans continuously increasing health rates and its
15 impact on making health insurance unaffordable, and the
16 inability to qualify for coverage under the medical assistance
17 program established under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid
18 Code. The study shall also look at those residents in Illinois
19 who are insured and whether they are covered through an
20 employer-sponsored plan or through an affordable Illinois
21 health insurance marketplace plan. The Department shall submit
22 a report of its findings and recommendations to reduce the
23 number of uninsured residents in Illinois to the General
24 Assembly no later than 12 months after the effective date of
25 this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly. In the
26 development of its report, the Department shall consult with

1 an association representing a majority of Illinois hospitals
2 and an association representing a majority of health insurance
3 plans in Illinois.

4 (Source: P.A. 92-331, eff. 1-1-02.)"