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House Bill 4376
Sponsor: Rep. Bill Martin
Committee: Social Services & Youth

Complete to 8-2-89

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4376 AS INTRODUCED 3-7-89

The bill would create the Employment Enhancement Act to require the Department of Social Services to establish and operate a program that would provide medical services and a child care allowance to any person who had received public assistance and became financially ineligible for further public assistance because he or she became employed after the effective date of the bill. The medical services provided would include at least all medical services provided in the Medicaid program and would cover a person's dependents to the same extent as dependents are covered by Medicaid. Under the bill, the department would reimburse providers of medical services in the same manner as Medicaid providers. The child care allowance provided under the bill would be the same amount paid by the state to families with dependent children for child care expenses. The medical services and child care allowance established under the bill would be paid for with state funds except when federal funds were permitted to be used for all or any part of the programs. The bill would require the department to endeavor to use all federal funds that could be used for purposes of the bill and to promptly seek any waivers of federal regulations that were required to implement any part of the bill.

A person eligible for medical services under the bill would remain eligible until either five years after the date on which he or she became ineligible for public assistance because he or she became employed, or the date the person became covered by a policy of health insurance or other health care coverage. A person eligible for a child care allowance under the act would remain eligible until either five years after the date on which he or she became ineligible for public assistance because he or she became employed, or the date that other adequate child care services became available without charge to the person. Recipients of medical services or child care allowances under the bill would provide the department the identity, address and any other information about his or her employment or employer that was reasonably required by the department. The Department of Social Services would provide the Department of Treasury with information concerning the recipient to the extent necessary to compute the single business tax credit proposed in House Bill 4377.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4377, which would amend the Single Business Tax Act to allow employers to claim a tax credit for wages, child care, health insurance or health coverage paid to or provided for a qualified employee during a five-year period after the date on which the person became ineligible for public assistance because he or she became employed by the taxpayer.

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