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**BILL ANALYSIS**

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House Bills 5815 and 5816 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Phil Pavlov  
House Committee: Insurance  
Senate Committee: Banking and Financial Institutions

**CONTENT**

House Bill 5815 would amend the Insurance Code to require that any policy or certificate delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the State that provided for hospital or medical care coverage or reimbursement for hospital or medical care coverage for dependent children who were full-time or part-time students, to continue coverage for a dependent student if he or she were covered under that policy or certificate and took a leave of absence from school due to illness or injury. This coverage would have to continue for 12 months from the student's last day of attendance in school or until the dependent reached the age at which coverage otherwise would terminate, whichever period was shorter. Coverage would have to be provided at the same rate as that charged for dependent student status.

For a dependent student to qualify for coverage under the bill, his or her attending physician would have to certify in writing to the student's insurer or health maintenance organization that it was medically necessary for the student to take a leave of absence from school.

A dependent child would have to continue to meet all other eligibility requirements for dependent coverage in the policy or certificate if he or she took a leave of absence from school due to illness or injury.

House Bill 5816 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act, which governs Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, to include provisions very similar to those in House Bill 5815.

Both bills would take effect on January 1, 2007.

Proposed MCL 500.2264a (H.B. 5815)  
Proposed MCL 550.1409a (H.B. 5816)

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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