

HB 1713 -- HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN

SPONSOR: Sander

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Insurance Policy by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill requires all health carriers or health benefit plans, except Missouri Medicaid plans, which are issued, delivered, continued, or renewed to a Missouri resident on or after January 1, 2011, to include coverage for adopted children on the same basis as other dependents of the enrollee.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will close a loophole that prevented an adopted child from be covered on the adoptive parents' health insurance coverage.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Sander.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.