

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 38

BY SENATOR ERDEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM. Provides coverage for developmentally disabled dependents of classified or unclassified state civil service employees by life, health or other programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits under certain circumstances. (8/15/11)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S.42:808(E), relative to eligibility in group programs; to provide
3 coverage for a developmentally disabled dependent of a classified or unclassified
4 state civil service employee by life, health or other programs sponsored by the Office
5 of Group Benefits under certain circumstances, and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:808 (E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §808. Eligibility in group programs

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10 E. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any
11 developmentally disabled person who became disabled prior to attaining the age of
12 twenty-one, with one parent whose coverage of such person was terminated as a
13 result of lost employment of the parent and one parent who is an employee, as
14 defined in R.S. 42:808(A)(3), **(A)(1) and (3)**, participating in life, health, or other
15 programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits, shall be covered as a dependent
16 of such parent participating in life, health, or other programs sponsored by the Office
17 of Group Benefits, regardless of the age of the developmentally disabled person.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Horne.

DIGEST

Present law requires dependent coverage for a developmentally disabled person, regardless of age, in any life, health, or other program sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits under the following conditions:

1. The person became developmentally disabled prior to attaining age 21.
2. The disabled person was covered under a parent's policy of insurance but coverage has terminated due to the parent's loss of employment.
3. The disabled person's other parent is a full-time employee of a school board and participates in a life, health, or other program sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits.

Proposed law retains present law requirements in Items 1 and 2 above but includes in Item 3 dependent coverage if the other parent is employed in the classified or unclassified state civil service.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 42:808(E))