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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

Table with 2 rows and 2 columns. Row 1: Date: April 13, 2011 3:56 PM, Author: ERDEY. Row 2: Dept./Agy.: Office of Group Benefits, Analyst: Travis McIlwain. Row 3: Subject: Dependent eligibility in group programs.

GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
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)
Current 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.) developmentally disabled person who became disabled prior to attaining 21 years of age, 2.) one parent whose coverage was terminated as a result of lost employment, 3.) one parent who is an employee of a school board (R.S. 42:808(A)(3)) participating in life, health or other programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits (OGB). Proposed legislation retains current law, but allows such provisions for dependent coverage if the other parent is employed in the classified or unclassified state civil service (R.S. 42:808(A)(1)). Effective August 15, 2011.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. All values are \$0.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Under federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) special enrollment regulations and existing OGB rules, OGB is already able to provide dependent coverage to certain developmentally disabled persons as required by the legislation. HIPPA special enrollment regulations allow certain individuals and their dependents the ability to enroll in the plan without having to wait until the plan's next regular enrollment season.

Current statutes (R.S. 42:808(E)) were originally enacted in Act 414 of the 2008 Regular Legislative Session. The proposed legislation does not require any greater coverage than what is already available under existing rules.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.