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## DIGEST

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HB 305 Original

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**Abstract:** Provides for expansion of Louisiana's Medicaid program by requiring that state Medicaid eligibility standards conform to those established by the Affordable Care Act.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to take actions on or before July 1, 2016, as are necessary to cause Louisiana's participation in the expansion of the Medicaid program provided in the federal Affordable Care Act (Public Laws 111-148 and 111-152, commonly referred to as the "ACA"). Provides that such actions shall include:

- (1) Filing a Medicaid state plan amendment with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cause eligibility standards for Medicaid benefits in Louisiana to conform to the minimum eligibility standards as provided in the ACA.
- (2) Promulgating all rules and regulations as are necessary to expand Medicaid eligibility in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law declares that the purposes of the state in expanding Medicaid eligibility as provided in proposed law are as follows:

- (1) To maximize the number of Louisianians who are covered by some form of health insurance.
- (2) To provide basic healthcare coverage to working people of this state who are not offered insurance through their employer and do not earn enough money to meet basic family needs and pay for private health insurance.
- (3) To assure health care providers who serve low- to moderate-income persons of some amount of compensation for the care they provide.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:979.11-979.13)