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HOUSE BILL 308

Short Title: Clarify Reasonable Health Insur./Child Supp. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Zachary, Stevens, Glazier, and Davis (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Judiciary III, if favorable, Insurance.

March 23, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAL SUPPORT AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT TO ALIGN STATE LAW WITH FEDERAL GUIDELINES THAT NO LONGER INCLUDE THE PROVISION THAT EMPLOYER-PROVIDED GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE IS AUTOMATICALLY CONSIDERED "REASONABLE."

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 50-13.11(a1) reads as rewritten:

"(a1) The court shall order the parent of a minor child or other responsible party to maintain health insurance for the benefit of the child when health insurance is available at a reasonable cost. If health insurance is not presently available at a reasonable cost, the court shall order the parent of a minor child or other responsible party to maintain health insurance for the benefit of the child when health insurance becomes available at a reasonable cost. As used in this subsection, health insurance for the benefit of the child is considered reasonable in cost if (i) it is employment related or other group health insurance, regardless of service delivery mechanism, and (ii) the coverage for the child is available to the parent at a cost that does not exceed seven percent (7%) of the parent's gross income. The court may require one or both parties to maintain dental insurance."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to orders issued or agreements entered into on or after that date.

