

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### **S 0845 General Bill, By Lourie, Cleary and Kimpson**

**Summary:** Financial Responsibility and Opportunity Health Care Program Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-260 SO AS TO ENACT THE "FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM ACT" TO ENABLE LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE; TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL AUTHORIZE SUFFICIENT FEDERAL FUNDS TO CREATE A FISCALLY SUSTAINABLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM AND IDENTIFY EXISTING SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR APPROPRIATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT UPON SPECIFIED LEVELS OF FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION OTHER THAN AS SPECIFIED; AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROGRAM SHALL OPERATE.

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