

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Jenson, Nolan, Read, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	6/4, 6/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes a specified health insurance coverage requirement exempt from an automatic six-year sunset provision.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions requiring coverage automatically sunset in 2006; this measure would reinstate language
- Applies to highly specialized and expensive formulas primarily for infants and children who may not be able to tolerate any other form of nutrition
- Children in poverty are often covered by programs such as Medicaid and Women, Infants and Children (WIC), while insurance available to middle-income families may not include such coverage
- Good nutrition critical to growth and development

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3496 prevents the automatic sunset of the requirement for certain health insurance to cover nonprescription elemental enteral formula for treatment of severe intestinal malabsorption.