



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 108

PRINTERS NO. 2370

PRIME SPONSOR: Micozzie

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Insurance Company Law of 1921 concerning the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). It would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 108 makes three changes to the Children's Health Care Act which governs CHIP. First, it changes the expiration date of CHIP from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2015. Next, it eliminates the required waiting period of six months without insurance before a child can enroll in CHIP. Finally, it increases the required number of meetings of the Children's Health Advisory Council from annually to twice per year.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The 2013-14 General Fund budget provides \$7,400,000 for CHIP administration, a \$111,094,000 appropriation for the program's insurance expenses, and \$30,730,000 from dedicated cigarette tax revenues, also for insurance. That budget also anticipates a similar amount will be needed to fund the program in 2014-15. The elimination of the waiting period for CHIP enrollment does not expand program eligibility, but simply accelerates the date at which children will become eligible, which can be handled within current appropriations. Finally, any additional Commonwealth expense associated with twice yearly meetings of the Children's Health Advisory Council will be nominal.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.