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S 119. TICKET TO WORK/MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY (=H 80). *TO EXPAND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY UNDER THE FEDERAL TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON MEDICAID REFORM*. Identical to H 80, introduced 2/7/05.
Intro. by Purcell.
Ref. to Health Care APPROP

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S 119. TICKET TO WORK/MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY. Intro. 2/14/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Replaces Section 1 of bill, which made certain disabled individuals eligible for Medicaid benefits, with new GS 108A-54.1 which enacts the Health Coverage for Workers With Disabilities (HCWD) Act. Requires that the Dep't of Health and Human Services (DHHS) implement a Medicaid buy-in eligibility category as authorized by the federal Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. Provides that an individual is eligible for HCWD benefits if individual: (1) is at least 16 years old but less than 65 years old; (2) meets Social Security Disability criteria or is enrolled in HCWD and becomes medically improved as defined in Ticket to Work, without regard to individual's ability to work; (3) does not have unearned income over 150% of the federal poverty guidelines and individual's countable resources do not exceed resource limit for the minimum community spouse resource standard; and (4) is engaged in a substantial and reasonable work effort as defined in act. Provides that an individual who becomes involuntarily unemployed will have continued eligibility in HCWD for up to 12 months as long as individual satisfies listed requirements. Establishes fees, premiums, and co-payments for those individuals whose countable income exceeds certain listed thresholds. Effective January 1, 2007. Appropriates $150,000 from the General Fund to DHHS, Div'n of Medical Assistance, for 2006-07 (was, $400,000 for 2005-06), effective July 1, 2006.