

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 480 by Senator Johns

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "802(D)" insert ", 808(E)" and after "881(B)" insert "and to enact
3 R.S. 42:808(F)"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 5, after "structures;" insert "to provide for eligibility in group programs;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 8, after "802(D)" insert ", 808(E)" and after "reenacted" insert "and R.S.
8 42:808(F) is hereby enacted"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 2, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

11 "§808. Eligibility in group programs

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13 E. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ~~any person with a developmental~~
14 ~~disability who acquired such disability prior to attaining the age of twenty-one, with one~~
15 ~~parent whose coverage of such person was terminated as a result of lost employment of the~~
16 ~~parent and one parent who is an employee, as defined in Paragraphs (A)(1) and(3) of this~~
17 ~~Section, participating in life, health, or other programs sponsored by the Office of Group~~
18 ~~Benefits, shall be covered as a dependent of such parent participating in life, health, or other~~
19 ~~programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits, regardless of the age of the person with~~
20 ~~a developmental disability. **and in particular the provisions of R.S. 22:1001, 1003, and**~~
21 ~~**1003.1, the Office of Group Benefits is authorized to offer group insurance coverage**~~
22 ~~**to the following dependents of an enrollee:**~~

- 23 (1) The spouse of the enrollee, as defined by the office.
- 24 (2) A child of the enrollee, until the end of the month the child attains the
25 age of twenty-six, unless coverage is terminated earlier as provide in this
26 Section.
- 27 (3) For purposes of this Section, "child" means:
 - 28 (a) The issue of a marriage of the enrollee.
 - 29 (b) A natural child of the enrollee.
 - 30 (c) A legally adopted child of the enrollee or a child placed for adoption
31 with the enrollee.
 - 32 (d) The child of a male enrollee, if a court of competent jurisdiction has
33 issued an order of filiation declaring the paternity of the enrollee for the child or
34 the enrollee has formally acknowledged the child.
 - 35 (e) The issue of a previous marriage or a natural or legally adopted child
36 of the enrollee's legal spouse, hereinafter "stepchild", which stepchild has not
37 been adopted by the enrollee and for whom the enrollee does not have court-
38 ordered legal custody, until the earliest of:
 - 39 (i) The end of the month the enrollee is no longer married to the
40 stepchild's parent.
 - 41 (ii) The end of the month of the death of the enrollee's spouse who is the
42 stepchild's parent.
 - 43 (iii) The end of the month the stepchild attains the age of twenty-six.
 - 44 (f) A grandchild in the court-ordered legal custody of and residing with
45 the grandparent enrollee, until the end of the month the grandchild attains the

1 age of twenty-six. For purposes of this Paragraph, "grandchild" means a child
2 of a child of the enrollee.

3 (g) A dependent for whom the enrollee has court-ordered legal custody
4 or court-ordered legal guardianship but who is not a child or grandchild, as
5 defined in this Paragraph, of the enrollee until the end of the month the custody
6 or guardianship order expires or the end of the month the dependent attains the
7 age of eighteen, whichever is earlier.

8 F. (1) Attainment of the respective limiting age of a child or grandchild,
9 as defined in Paragraph (E)(3) of this Section, shall not operate to terminate the
10 coverage of such child or grandchild if the child or grandchild became incapable
11 of self-sustaining employment by reason of physical or mental disability prior to
12 attaining the respective limiting age, provided that before the child or grandchild
13 reaches the limiting age, but no earlier than six months prior thereto, an
14 application for continued coverage is filed with the office on a form designated
15 by the office, and the application is subsequently approved. This application
16 shall be accompanied by an attestation from the dependent's attending physician
17 setting forth the specific physical or mental disability and certifying that the
18 child or grandchild is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of that
19 disability. The office may require additional medical or other supporting
20 documentation regarding the disability to process the application.

21 (2) After the initial approval, the office may require the submission of
22 additional medical or other supporting documentation substantiating the
23 continuance of the disability, but not more frequently than annually, as a
24 precondition to continued coverage.

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