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## DIGEST

Nevers (SB 96)

Proposed constitutional amendment directs the Department of Health and Hospitals effective January 1, 2015, to administer a state program which makes available to every legal resident of this state whose income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level access to health insurance with essential health benefits, as provided by federal law.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the department shall make all necessary state Medicaid plan amendments or wavier applications to the federal government in order to access all federal funding available for the provision of health care services, including but not limited to funds available through the Affordable Care Act, or any successor to that Act.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the legislature shall annually appropriate the state and federal revenues necessary to fund this program to provide health insurance for this eligible population, except that, if total funding to operate this state program is comprised of less than 90% federal funds, the legislature shall have the authority to decide whether to continue the program.

Provides for submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2014.

(Adds Const. Art. XII, Sec.17)