STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25180

This bill creates within the CAT Fund the Community Primary Care Program to provide primary care to 15,000 adults with chronic health conditions earning less than 100 percent of the federal poverty level. The program is funded with state funds. Part of the funds are used to encourage the use of life coaching to help individuals in the program pass through poverty as quickly as possible and achieve more economic self-sufficiency.

FISCAL NOTE

The program's first year costs include \$600,000 for administration and \$9.3 million for medical services for a total of \$9.9 million. The funds will come from the Millennium Fund. Second year funding is estimated to be \$15.6 million mostly from the Millennium Fund. Same general funds may be required in year two and three until the Millennium funds can cover the total cost.

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