

# HOUSE BILL No. 5815

March 2, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Pavlov, Sheltroun, Gaffney, Vander Veen, Emmons and Acciavatti and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled  
"The insurance code of 1956,"  
(MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 2264a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 2264A. (1) ANY POLICY OR CERTIFICATE DELIVERED, ISSUED  
2        FOR DELIVERY, OR RENEWED IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES FOR HOSPITAL  
3        OR MEDICAL CARE COVERAGE OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL  
4        CARE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO ARE FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STUDENTS  
5        SHALL CONTINUE COVERAGE FOR THAT DEPENDENT STUDENT IF THE DEPENDENT  
6        STUDENT IS COVERED UNDER THAT POLICY OR CERTIFICATE AND TAKES A  
7        LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY. COVERAGE  
8        UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CONTINUE FOR 12 MONTHS FROM THE LAST DAY  
9        OF ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL OR UNTIL THE DEPENDENT REACHES THE AGE AT

1 WHICH COVERAGE WOULD OTHERWISE TERMINATE, WHICHEVER PERIOD IS  
2 SHORTER.

3 (2) TO QUALIFY FOR COVERAGE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPENDENT  
4 STUDENT'S ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SHALL CERTIFY IN WRITING TO THE  
5 DEPENDENT'S INSURER OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT IT IS  
6 MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOR THE DEPENDENT STUDENT TO TAKE A LEAVE OF  
7 ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL.

8 (3) COVERAGE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED AT THE SAME  
9 RATE AS THAT CHARGED WHILE THE DEPENDENT IS ENROLLED AS A STUDENT.

10 (4) A DEPENDENT CHILD MUST CONTINUE TO MEET ALL OTHER  
11 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPENDENT COVERAGE IN THE POLICY OR  
12 CERTIFICATE IF THE DEPENDENT CHILD TAKES A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM  
13 SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January  
15 1, 2007.