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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring disclosure of employers of applicants for publicly
1.3 funded health programs; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 62J.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [62J.85] PUBLIC PROGRAMS; EMPLOYER DISCLOSURE.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definition. As used in this section, "proposed beneficiary" means:

1.8 (1) an individual who files an application for benefits or hospital care for the
1.9 individual; or

1.10 (2) an individual on whose behalf an application for benefits or hospital care is filed,
1.11 including, but not limited to, children or other dependents of the applicant.

1.12 Subd. 2. Information required under state-funded programs. An applicant
1.13 for health care benefits under public programs, including, but not limited to, Medicaid,
1.14 medical assistance, general assistance medical care, or MinnesotaCare, and any person
1.15 requesting uncompensated care in a hospital shall identify the employer or employers of
1.16 the proposed beneficiary of the health care benefits. In the event the proposed beneficiary
1.17 is not employed, the applicant shall identify the employer or employers of any adult who
1.18 is responsible for providing all or some of the proposed beneficiary's support.

1.19 Subd. 3. Information to be provided to legislature and public. (a) On or
1.20 before January 1 of each year, the commissioner of human services shall transmit to
1.21 the legislature a report identifying all employers identified according to subdivision 2
1.22 who employ 25 or more public health program beneficiaries. In determining whether the
1.23 25-employee threshold is met, the commissioner shall include all public health program
1.24 beneficiaries employed by the employer and its subsidiaries at all locations within the

2.1 state. The report shall include each employer's name and, as appropriate, the names of its
2.2 subsidiaries that employ public health program beneficiaries, locations, the total number of
2.3 its employees and dependents who are enrolled in each state-funded health care program,
2.4 and the total cost to the state of providing public health care benefits for the employees and
2.5 enrolled dependents of each named employer. The report shall not include the name of any
2.6 individual public health program beneficiary and is subject to privacy standards according
2.7 to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191.

2.8 (b) The commissioner of human services shall make the report available to the
2.9 public on the Department of Human Services Web site.

2.10 (c) A member of the public may request and receive a copy of the report published
2.11 under this subdivision.