

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25845

This legislation restores preventive dental care to the existing adult Medicaid population to the extent that it was provided prior to removal in 2011, and to the extent such services are defined by section 1905(a)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation carries a fiscal impact to the General Fund of \$1.1 million. The total cost of restoring these services to 29,000 people is \$3.8 million, but 70 percent of that cost is covered by federal funds. It is anticipated that in future years there will be offsetting savings to the General Fund in excess of \$2.5 million arising from reduced emergency dental costs and reduced treatment costs for other medical conditions that are caused or exacerbated by lack of preventive oral health care. Such conditions include diabetes, cardiovascular disease, pneumonia, kidney disease and dementia.

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