

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE BILL 1821

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 318, O.S.L. 2007 (56 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section
9 1009.1), which relates to the All Kids Act;
clarifying reference; and providing an effective
date.

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 318, O.S.L.
14 2007 (56 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 1009.1), is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 Section 1009.1 A. ~~Sections 1 and 2 of this act~~ Sections 1009.1
17 and 1009.2 of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "All
18 Kids Act".

19 B. The Legislature finds that, for the economic and social
20 benefit of all residents of the State of Oklahoma, it is important
21 to enable all children of this state to access affordable health
22 insurance that offers comprehensive coverage and emphasizes
23 preventative health care. Numerous studies, including the Institute
24 of Medicine's report, Health Insurance Matters, demonstrate that

1 lack of insurance negatively affects health status. The Legislature
2 further finds that access to health care is a key component for
3 children's healthy development and successful education. The
4 effects of lack of insurance also negatively impact those who are
5 insured because the cost of paying for care for the uninsured is
6 shifted to those who have insurance in the form of higher health
7 insurance premiums. A Families USA 2005 report indicates that by
8 2010, family premiums in Oklahoma will increase by Two Thousand
9 Eleven Dollars (\$2,011.00) due to cost-shifting from the uninsured.
10 It is, therefore, the intent of the All Kids Act to provide access
11 to affordable health insurance to all children in Oklahoma.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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