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To amend section 5111.013 and to enact sections 1
5101.56 and 5101.561 of the Revised Code to 2
require applicants for CHIP, Disability Medical 3
Assistance, and Medicaid to provide information 4
about their employers and to require an annual 5
report identifying the employers. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5111.013 be amended and sections 7
5101.56 and 5101.561 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 8
follows: 9

Sec. 5101.56. (A) As used in this section and section 10
5101.561 of the Revised Code: 11

(1) "CHIP" means the children's health insurance program 12
parts I and II provided for by sections 5101.50 to 5101.5110 of 13
the Revised Code. 14

(2) "Disability medical assistance" means the program 15
established under section 5115.10 of the Revised Code. 16

(3) "Medicaid" means the program provided for under Title XIX 17

of the "Social Security Act," 79 Stat. 286 (1965), 42 U.S.C. 1396,
as amended.

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(B) Application forms for the CHIP, disability medical
assistance, and medicaid programs shall provide for the applicant
to specify the name and address of each of the applicant's
employers and the name and address of each of the employers of all
individuals whose income is counted in determining the applicant's
eligibility for CHIP, disability medical assistance, or medicaid.

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Sec. 5101.561. Not later than the first day of each February,
the director of job and family services shall complete a report on
the employers of all recipients of CHIP, disability medical
assistance, and medicaid and the employers of all individuals
whose income is counted in determining the recipients'
eligibility. The report shall include the name and address of each
employer included in the report and the total number of each of
the employers' employees who are recipients of CHIP, disability
medical assistance, or medicaid or whose income is counted in
determining the eligibility of CHIP, disability medical
assistance, and medicaid recipients. The report shall not include
any identifying information about CHIP, disability medical
assistance, or medicaid recipients. The director shall provide a
copy of the report to the governor and each member of the general
assembly.

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Sec. 5111.013. (A) The provision of medical assistance to
pregnant women and young children who are eligible for medical
assistance under division (A)(3) of section 5111.01 of the Revised
Code, but who are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance
under that section, shall be known as the healthy start program.

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(B) The department of job and family services shall do all of
the following with regard to the application procedures for the

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healthy start program: 48

(1) Establish a short application form for the program that 49
requires the applicant to provide no more information than is 50
necessary for making determinations of eligibility for the healthy 51
start program, except that the form may require applicants to 52
provide their social security numbers and shall comply with 53
section 5101.56 of the Revised Code. The form shall include a 54
statement, which must be signed by the applicant, indicating that 55
she does not choose at the time of making application for the 56
program to apply for assistance provided under any other program 57
administered by the department and that she understands that she 58
is permitted at any other time to apply at the county department 59
of job and family services of the county in which she resides for 60
any other assistance administered by the department. 61

(2) To the extent permitted by federal law, do one or both of 62
the following: 63

(a) Distribute the application form for the program to each 64
public or private entity that serves as a women, infants, and 65
children clinic or as a child and family health clinic and to each 66
administrative body for such clinics and train employees of each 67
such agency or entity to provide applicants assistance in 68
completing the form; 69

(b) In cooperation with the department of health, develop 70
arrangements under which employees of county departments of job 71
and family services are stationed at public or private agencies or 72
entities selected by the department of job and family services 73
that serve as women, infants, and children clinics; child and 74
family health clinics; or administrative bodies for such clinics 75
for the purpose both of assisting applicants for the program in 76
completing the application form and of making determinations at 77
that location of eligibility for the program. 78

(3) Establish performance standards by which a county 79
department of job and family services' level of enrollment of 80
persons potentially eligible for the program can be measured, and 81
establish acceptable levels of enrollment for each county 82
department. 83

(4) Direct any county department of job and family services 84
whose rate of enrollment of potentially eligible enrollees in the 85
program is below acceptable levels established under division 86
(B)(3) of this section to implement corrective action. Corrective 87
action may include but is not limited to any one or more of the 88
following to the extent permitted by federal law: 89

(a) Establishing formal referral and outreach methods with 90
local health departments and local entities receiving funding 91
through the bureau of maternal and child health; 92

(b) Designating a specialized intake unit within the county 93
department for healthy start applicants; 94

(c) Establishing abbreviated timeliness requirements to 95
shorten the time between receipt of an application and the 96
scheduling of an initial application interview; 97

(d) Establishing a system for telephone scheduling of intake 98
interviews for applicants; 99

(e) Establishing procedures to minimize the time an applicant 100
must spend in completing the application and eligibility 101
determination process, including permitting applicants to complete 102
the process at times other than the regular business hours of the 103
county department and at locations other than the offices of the 104
county department. 105

(C) To the extent permitted by federal law, local funds, 106
whether from public or private sources, expended by a county 107
department for administration of the healthy start program shall 108

be considered to have been expended by the state for the purpose 109
of determining the extent to which the state has complied with any 110
federal requirement that the state provide funds to match federal 111
funds for medical assistance, except that this division shall not 112
affect the amount of funds the county is entitled to receive under 113
section 5101.16, 5101.161, or 5111.012 of the Revised Code. 114

(D) The director of job and family services shall do one or 115
both of the following: 116

(1) To the extent that federal funds are provided for such 117
assistance, adopt a plan for granting presumptive eligibility for 118
pregnant women applying for healthy start; 119

(2) To the extent permitted by federal medicaid regulations, 120
adopt a plan for making same-day determinations of eligibility for 121
pregnant women applying for healthy start. 122

(E) A county department of job and family services that 123
maintains offices at more than one location shall accept 124
applications for the healthy start program at all of those 125
locations. 126

(F) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules 127
in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code as necessary 128
to implement this section. 129

Section 2. That existing section 5111.013 of the Revised Code 130
is hereby repealed. 131