

HOUSE BILL No. 2535

By Representative Swenson

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AN ACT concerning public funded health care; relating to disclosure of employers' names.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Any applicant for health care provided under public programs, including but not limited to medicaid, the state insurance coverage for children program and any other health care program supported by state funds, shall identify the employer or employers of the proposed beneficiary of the health care benefits. In the event the proposed beneficiary is not employed, the applicant shall identify the employer or employers of any adult responsible for providing all or some of the proposed beneficiary's support.

(b) On or before January 30 of each year, the secretary of social and rehabilitation services shall submit to the state legislature a report listing the names of all employers identified pursuant to the application requirements in subsection (a). The report shall include each company's name, addresses and the total number of such company's employees and dependents who are enrolled in each state health care program. No other information regarding program beneficiaries shall be included in this report.

(c) For the purposes of this act, the required report in subsection (b) shall be a public record open to inspection by the public under the open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.

(d) As used in this act, the term "proposed beneficiary" means any individual who files an application for benefits for such individual, or any other individual on whose behalf an application is filed, including but not limited to, children or other dependents of the applicant or other individual for whom the application is filed.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.