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MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2009

SUBJECT:

Sectional Summary (SB 13; Work Order No. 26-LS0076\A)

TO:

Senator Betty Davis

Attn: Tom Obermeyer

FROM:

Jean M. Mischel

Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

<u>Section 1.</u> Amends the medical assistance eligibility provisions for persons under 19 years of age and for pregnant women by increasing the household income limit from 175 to 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

<u>Section 2.</u> Increases the household income limit from 175 to 200 percent of the federal poverty line for requiring premiums and cost-sharing contributions from medical assistance recipients who are under 19 years of age.

Section 3. Provides for an immediate effective date.

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