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Amend the bill by inserting after Part PPPP the following:

PART QQQQ

Sec. QQQQ-1. Survey; noncategorical waiver program. The Department of Health and Human Services shall enter into a contract with an independent entity to conduct a survey of members enrolled in the childless adult waiver program in cooperation with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The goals of the survey are:

1. To obtain a longitudinal profile of the health, employment and socioeconomic status of the enrolled members;
2. To gather information that will enable the formulation of a recommendation regarding an improved suite of benefits to better serve a greater number of people at lesser cost; and
3. To find efficiencies that will enable the State to best deploy available resources to improve the health and welfare of those whose incomes are below 100% of the federal poverty level.

The department shall submit a report detailing the results of the survey to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by December 3, 2008.

Sec. QQQQ-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Bureau of Medical Services 0129

Initiative: Provides funds for the Department of Health and Human Services to contract for an independent survey of members enrolled in the childless adult waiver program in cooperation with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The goals of the survey are to obtain a longitudinal profile of the health, employment and socioeconomic status of the population; to recommend an improved suite of benefits to better serve a greater number of people at lesser cost; and to find efficiencies that will enable the State to best deploy available resources to improve the health and welfare of those whose incomes are below 100% of the federal poverty line.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$75,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$75,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$75,000

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into a contract with an independent entity to conduct a survey of persons covered by the noncategorical waiver program in order to recommend an improved suite of benefits to better serve a greater number of people at lesser cost and to find efficiencies to enable the State to best deploy available resources to improve the health and welfare of those whose incomes are below 100% of the federal poverty level.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)