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# H. R. 1144

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLING (for himself, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. FROST, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. McCLOSKEY, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr. SLATTERY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

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## A BILL

To amend title 5, United States Code, to increase by 1 year the maximum age through which an unmarried dependent child may continue to receive health benefits coverage as a family member, so long as such child remains a full-time student.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       That (a) paragraph (5) of section 8901 of title 5, United  
4       States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5               “(5) ‘member of family’ means—

1           “(A) the spouse of an employee or annu-  
2           itant; and

3           “(B)(i) an unmarried dependent child  
4           under 22 years of age, including—

5                 “(I) an adopted child or recognized  
6                 natural child; and

7                 “(II) a stepchild or foster child but  
8                 only if the child lives with the employee or  
9                 annuitant in a regular parent-child rela-  
10                tionship;

11               “(ii) such an unmarried dependent child  
12               regardless of age who is incapable of self-sup-  
13               port because of mental or physical disability  
14               which existed before age 22; or

15               “(iii) such an unmarried dependent child  
16               between 22 and 23 years of age who is a stu-  
17               dent regularly pursuing a full-time course of  
18               study or training in residence in a junior col-  
19               lege, college, university, or comparable recog-  
20               nized educational institution;

21           for the purpose of clause (iii), a child whose 23rd  
22           birthday occurs before July 1 or after August 31 of  
23           a calendar year, and while such child is regularly  
24           pursuing such a course of study or training, is  
25           deemed to have become 23 years of age on the first

1 day of July after that birthday; a child who is a stu-  
2 dent is deemed not to have ceased to be a student  
3 during an interim between school years if the in-  
4 terim is not more than 5 months and if the child  
5 shows to the satisfaction of the Office of Personnel  
6 Management that such child has a bona fide inten-  
7 tion of continuing to pursue a course of study or  
8 training in the same or a different school during the  
9 school semester (or other period into which the  
10 school year is divided) immediately after the  
11 interim;”.

12 (b) Nothing in paragraph (5) of section 8901 of title  
13 5, United States Code (as amended by subsection (a))  
14 which follows clause (ii) of such paragraph shall apply  
15 with respect to any individual who became 22 years of age  
16 before the date of the enactment of this Act.

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