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# HOUSE BILL NO. 543

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ZWEIFEL (Sponsor), SHOEMYER, DARROUGH,  
SCHOEMEHL, LeVOTA, WILDBERGER, MEADOWS, YAEGER AND YOUNG (Co-sponsors).

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to disclosure of certain health care benefits.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 208.230, to read as follows:

3 **208.230. 1. Any applicant for health care benefits under the provisions of this**  
4 **chapter and any person requesting uncompensated care in a hospital shall identify the**  
5 **employer or employers of the proposed beneficiary of the health care benefits. In the event**  
6 **the proposed public health program beneficiary is not employed, the applicant shall**  
7 **identify the employer or employers of any adult who is responsible for providing all or**  
8 **some of the proposed beneficiary's support.**

9 **2. On or before January first of each year, the department of health and senior**  
10 **services shall transmit to the general assembly a report identifying all employers identified**  
11 **pursuant to the requirements in subsection 1 of this section who employ twenty-five or**  
12 **more public health program beneficiaries. In determining whether the twenty-five**  
13 **employee threshold is met, the department of health and senior services shall include all**  
14 **public health program beneficiaries employed by the employer and its subsidiaries at all**  
15 **locations within the state. The report shall include each employer's name and, as**  
**appropriate, the names of its subsidiaries that employ public health program beneficiaries,**  
**location, the total number of its employees and dependents who are enrolled in each state-**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 funded health care program, and the total cost to the state of providing public health care  
17 benefits for the employees and enrolled dependents of each named employer. The report  
18 shall include the names of any individual public health access program beneficiaries and  
19 shall be subject to privacy standards under Public Law 104-191, and the Health Insurance  
20 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended. In addition to filing the report  
21 with the general assembly, the department shall make the report available to the public  
22 through its Internet website.

23       3. Any member of the public has a right to request and receive a copy of the report  
24 published pursuant to subsection 2 of this section.

25       4. As used in this section, the term "proposed beneficiary" means any individual  
26 who files an application for benefits or hospital care for himself or herself; or any other  
27 individual on whose behalf an application is filed, including but not limited to children or  
28 other dependents of the applicant or other individual for whom the application is filed.