



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 482**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 14, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 482 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver to cover medical assistance for intensive early intervention services based on behavioral principles for children with an autism spectrum disorder.

The application would be required to be submitted by July 1, 2008.

This language is identical (except for dates) to the committee amendment to LB101 of 2005, which was advanced by Health & Human Services Committee on a 7-0 vote.

It is also the intent of this legislation to seek out other funding sources in order to leverage federal, state and local funds with the private sector contribution to be no less than \$1.00 for every \$2.00 of state funds. The five year pilot program would initially provide services to sixty children the first year, ramping up to a total of 420 children served by the end of the fifth year.

The pilot demonstration program will provide regular reports on progress and outcomes to the legislature and to the Departments of Health and Human Services and Education

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