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2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 139-35(CUR)

Introduced by:

Amanda L. Shelton 

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$320,000 FROM THE GENERAL
FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SOCIAL SERVICES TO PAY PREMIUMS FOR FOSTER
CHILDREN HEALTH INSURANCE.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent. *I Liheslatura* finds that Public Law 32-189 provides that foster Children are included in the government of Guam's Group Health Insurance Plan, with the full cost of insurance provided by the government of Guam. The intent of that statute was to provide foster children with the best available health insurance, which provides foster families the greatest access to care. *I Liheslatura* remains committed to providing quality health insurance to foster Children, who are wards of the state. The funding for the foster child health insurance program runs out on May 31, 2019 and without an appropriation, foster children will lose their existing insurance. *I Liheslatura* finds that additional funds are needed to provide insurance to the foster children as 13 required under Public Law 32-189.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the purpose of paying premiums for health insurance provided to foster children

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1 pursuant to Public Law 32-189. The DPHSS Bureau of Social Services
2 Administration shall be the subscriber for foster children covered under Public
3 Law 32-189, and shall remit payments to the Department of Administration
4 or to the insurance provider for the purpose of paying premiums.