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"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda-underwritten by global corporations- includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With ALEC EXPOSED, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. DO YOU?

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SCHIP Anti-Crowd-Out Act

Did you know that global pharmaceutical company Bayer Healthcare was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Section 1. {Short Title} This Act shall be known as the "SCHIP Anti-Crowd-Out Act."

Section 2. {Requirement Regarding Employer-Sponsored Coverage} Subject to this Section, no payment may be made under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) with respect to an individual who is eligible for coverage under a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered through an employer, either as an individual or as part of family coverage.

Section 3. {Option to Offer Premium Assistance for High-Cost Plans}

A. In the case of an individual who is otherwise eligible for coverage under SCHIP but for the application of Section 2, and who has access to high-cost health insurance coverage, the [insert state] will offer a premium assistance subsidy for such coverage.

B. The amount of a premium assistance subsidy under this Section shall be the lesser of:

1. An amount equal to the value of SCHIP coverage that would otherwise apply with respect to the individual or family but for the application of Section 2; or

2. An amount equal to the difference between:

a. The amount of the employee's share of the premium for the high-cost health insurance coverage for the individual or family; and

b. An amount equal to [insert percentage] of the total premium amount which includes both the employer and employee share.

Section 4. {Definitions} As used in this Act, the following definition applies:

A. "High-cost health insurance coverage" means a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered through an employer in which the employee is required to pay more than 20 percent of the total premium cost.

Section 5. {Severability Clause}

Were your laws repealed?

Section 6. {Repealer Clause}

Section 7. {Effective Date}

Adopted by the Health and Human Services Task Force at the Spring Task Force Summit, May 17, 2008. Approved by the ALEC Board of Directors June 2008.

Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary

This bill reads like it must have been written by the insurance industry, which worries that SCHIP will take away paying customers.

This would be a dream come true for insurers because of premium subsidies.

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