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To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to require 12-month continuous coverage under the State Children’s Health Insurance Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. DOGGETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Continuous
5 Coverage under SCHIP Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT OF 12-MONTH CONTINUOUS COV-**
7 **ERAGE UNDER SCHIP.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2102(b) of the Social Se-
9 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397bb(b)) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(6) REQUIREMENT FOR 12-MONTH CONTIN-
2 UOUS ELIGIBILITY.—In the case of a State child
3 health plan that provides child health assistance
4 under this title through a means other than de-
5 scribed in section 2101(a)(2), the plan shall provide
6 for implementation under this title of the 12-month
7 continuous eligibility option described in section
8 1902(e)(12) for targeted low-income children whose
9 family income is below 200 percent of the poverty
10 line.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—In section
12 2105(a)(4) of such Act, strike subparagraph (A) and re-
13 designate the following subparagraphs accordingly.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply to determinations (and redeter-
16 minations) of eligibility made on or after the date of the
17 enactment of this Act.

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