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Section Under Consideration:

Section 300s. ADDITION TO 300 SECTION

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Page 140-after line 20 Insert the following new section and
renumber as necessary:

"[MEDICAID EXPANSION]

Section 329.

(a) As directed by the governor, the insurance commissioner of this state and the director of the department of health shall collaborate together and work with the centers for medicare and medicaid services of the United States department of health to explore options for the expansion of Medicaid eligibility as authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148 or any other federal law that replaces that act before the repeal of this section.

(b) If the collaboration required by subsection (a) of this section reveals viable and fiscally advantageous options as determined by the governor for the expansion of Medicaid eligibility in Wyoming, the governor by and through the department of health is authorized to pursue any Medicaid plan amendments or other waivers that are necessary and prudent for the expansion.

(c) Before making application to expand Medicaid eligibility pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the governor shall provide notice to the legislature in writing. The governor also shall provide a report to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee and the joint appropriations committee detailing the reasons for the expansion, the means for having the expansion approved, whether any funding for the expansion will be necessary and the reasons that the expansion is viable and fiscally advantageous for Wyoming. The notice and reports shall be submitted to the legislature in sufficient time to allow the legislature adequate notice to call a special session for consideration of the expansion before the effective date of any

1 obligations binding on the state. The expansion of eligibility for
2 Medicaid in Wyoming is authorized only to the extent provided in
3 this section. No further expansion of eligibility for Medicaid
4 shall occur without prior approval from the legislature."
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6 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
7 renumber as necessary. CONNOLLY, SWEENEY, YIN, ZWONITZER