

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/SB 2280, 1st Eng. [S2280.HMS]  
SPONSOR: Governmental Oversight & Productivity Committee and Senator Campbell  
SUBJECT: DMS/Reorganization  
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### I. Amendments Contained in Message

**House Amendment 1 - 810669** (body with title)

### II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

**House Amendment 1** creates s. 110.1082, F.S., prohibiting state employees from utilizing a voice mail system whenever working at his or her regularly assigned work station. However, if the caller cannot reach his or her called party under certain circumstances, the system must provide the caller with access to a nonelectronic attendant.

Section 110.1238, F.S., is amended to limit the collection of refunds to state group health plan participants who have been overcharged by plan providers. The limitation is changed from a maximum of \$1,000 per admission to a flat \$1,000. The amendment language was acquired from CS/SB 2224.

Section 110.1227, F.S. (1998 Supp.), is amended to increase the size of the Florida Employee Long-Term-Care Plan Board of Directors from 7 to 9 members to include legislative members beginning after May 1, 1999. CS/SB 2280, as passed by the Senate, abolished this board. The amendment requires the Department of Management Services, in conjunction with the Department of Elderly Affairs, to “design” rather than “review” plans for establishing long-term-care coverage for public employees, their families and retirees. Counties and municipalities will not automatically participate in state long-term-care coverage but must do so by election. The amendment also provides that entities providing consulting services to the Department of Management Services or the Department of Elderly Affairs regarding preparation of requests for proposals (RFPs) or the review and evaluation of, may not also contract as a provider for long-term-care services.

Section 110.123, F.S., is amended, providing for a nomenclature change and transferring certain responsibilities from the Division of State Group Insurance to DMS. It extends the authority of DMS to allow terminated employees or individuals with continuation health coverage (COBRA) to participate in the state group plan for the required term. The amendment provides that a state agency must pay the entire cost of the health insurance premium for those state law enforcement, correctional, correctional probation officers, and firefighters, catastrophically injured in the line of duty and in accordance with ss. 112.19 and 112.191, F.S. The amendment could have some retrospective fiscal impact but is limited to state workers. The amendment also provides for

continuous open enrollment in the state group health insurance plan for perspective retirees who have already made an election not to participate.

Section 121.052, F.S., is amended to allow any member of the FRS serving as an elected mayor of a consolidated local government which administers its own retirement system, to elect membership into the Elected State and County Officers' Class. Former mayors are also eligible provided the local government employer agrees to make the necessary contributions plus accrued interest. This same language also appears as a Senate amendment to HB 1883.