

By the Committee on General Appropriations and
Representative Pruitt

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to state employee benefits;
3 amending s. 110.12315, F.S.; removing the
4 repeal date for the prescription drug program;
5 amending s. 110.1239, F.S.; removing repeal
6 dates with respect to state group health
7 insurance program funding; providing an
8 effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 110.12315,
13 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 110.12315 Prescription drug program.--The state
15 employees' prescription drug program is established. This
16 program shall be administered by the Department of Management
17 Services, according to the terms and conditions of the plan as
18 established by the relevant provisions of the annual General
19 Appropriations Act and implementing legislation, subject to
20 the following conditions:

21 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1)
22 and (2), under the state employees' prescription drug program,
23 effective October 1, 1999, copayments must be made as follows:

24 (a) Twenty-dollar copayment for brand name drug with
25 card;

26 (b) Seven-dollar copayment for generic drug with card;

27 (c) Seven-dollar copayment for generic mail order
28 drug;

29 (d) Twenty-dollar copayment for brand name mail order
30 drug.

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1 ~~This subsection expires July 1, 2000.~~

2 Section 2. Section 110.1239, Florida Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 110.1239 State group health insurance program
5 funding. ~~For the 1999-2000 fiscal year only,~~ It is the intent
6 of the Legislature that the state group health insurance
7 program be managed, administered, operated, and funded in such
8 a manner as to maximize the protection of state employee
9 health insurance benefits. Inherent in this intent is the
10 recognition that the health insurance liabilities attributable
11 to the benefits offered state employees should be fairly,
12 orderly, and equitably funded. Accordingly:

13 (1) The division shall determine the level of premiums
14 necessary to fully fund the state group health insurance
15 program for the next fiscal year. Such determination shall be
16 made after each revenue estimating conference on health
17 insurance as provided in s. 216.136(1), but not later than
18 December 1 and April 1 of each fiscal year.

19 (2) The Governor, in the Governor's recommended
20 budget, shall provide premium rates necessary for full funding
21 of the state group health insurance program, and the
22 Legislature shall provide in the General Appropriations Act
23 for a premium level necessary for full funding of the state
24 group health insurance program.

25 (3) For purposes of funding, any additional
26 appropriation amounts allocated to the state group health
27 insurance program by the Legislature shall be considered as a
28 state contribution and thus an increase in the state premiums.

29 ~~(4) This section is repealed on July 1, 2000.~~

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
31 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Removes the July 1, 2000, repeal date with respect to a provision of law providing for the state employee prescription drug program and a provision with respect to state group health insurance program funding. See bill for details.