

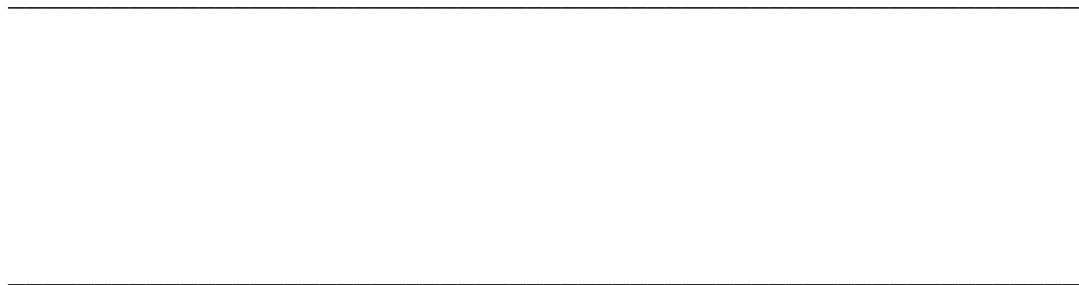
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Senator Mitchell moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 7, between lines 10 and 11,

insert:

Section 2. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to consider legislation during the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature to expand the eligibility of the state group health insurance program and the state prescription drug coverage program to include small municipalities, small counties, and district school boards of small counties. It is the intent of the Legislature that any costs or savings to the state group health insurance program or prescription drug coverage program resulting from such expansion shall be passed on to the local government participants and their employees.

(2) The Department of Management Services shall contract with a third party to conduct an actuarial study to determine the cost of allowing small counties, small municipalities, or eligible district school boards to participate in the state group health insurance program and

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1 the state prescription drug program and offer such coverage to  
2 officers, employees, dependents, and retirees of such  
3 entities. Such costs shall be delineated based on the impact  
4 to the state, state officers, and employees and to the local  
5 government employers and their employees. The department shall  
6 issue its report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
7 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1,  
8 2000.

9 (3) The Department of Management Services shall  
10 request from the Internal Revenue Service, by October 1, 2000,  
11 a written determination letter and a favorable private-letter  
12 ruling, stating that the State Group Self-Insurance Program is  
13 a facially qualified plan. The department shall notify the  
14 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives within 30 days after the receipt of the  
16 favorable or unfavorable letters.

17 (4) For purposes of conducting the actuarial study,  
18 criteria to be considered for eligibility to enroll include,  
19 but are not limited to:

20 (a) A minimum enrollment or contractual period of 3  
21 years; and

22 (b) Written notice to withdraw from the program must  
23 be given at least 12 months prior to the termination date.

24 (5) For the purposes of this section, the term "small  
25 county" means any county that has a population of 100,000 or  
26 less according to the most recent decennial census, and the  
27 term "small municipality" means any incorporated municipality  
28 that has a population of 12,500 or less according to the most  
29 recent decennial census.

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31 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3           On page 1, line 6, after the semicolon,

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5 insert:

6           providing legislative intent; requiring the  
7           Department of Management Services to contract  
8           for an actuarial study to determine the cost of  
9           allowing small counties, small municipalities,  
10          and certain school districts to participate in  
11          the state group health insurance program and  
12          the state prescription drug program; requiring  
13          the department to request a private-letter  
14          ruling; providing definitions;

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