

Bill No. HB 549, 1st Eng.

Amendment No.

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11	Senators Sebesta and Mitchell moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	On page 6, line 5, through page 7, line 12, delete all		
15	of said lines,		
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17	and insert: state group insurance program. Upon receipt of		
18	all proposals, the department may enter into contract		
19	negotiations with insurance providers submitting bids or		
20	negotiate a specially designed benefit package. Insurance		
21	providers offering or providing supplemental coverage as of		
22	May 30, 1991, which qualify for pretax benefit treatment		
23	pursuant to s. 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, with		
24	5,500 or more state employees currently enrolled may be		
25	included by the department in the supplemental insurance		
26	benefit plan established by the department without		
27	participating in a request for proposal, submitting bids,		
28	negotiating contracts, or negotiating a specially designed		
29	benefit package. These contracts shall provide state employees		
30	with the most cost-effective and comprehensive coverage		
31	available; however, no state or agency funds shall be		

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1 contributed toward the cost of any part of the premium of such
 2 supplemental benefit plans. With respect to dental coverage,
 3 the division shall include in any solicitation or contract for
 4 any state group dental program made after July 1, 2001, a
 5 comprehensive indemnity dental plan option which offers
 6 enrollees a completely unrestricted choice of dentists. If a
 7 dental plan is endorsed, or in some manner recognized as the
 8 preferred product, such plan shall include a comprehensive
 9 indemnity dental plan option which provides enrollees with a
 10 completely unrestricted choice of dentists.

11 b. Pursuant to the applicable provisions of s.
 12 110.161, and s. 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the
 13 department shall enroll in the pretax benefit program those
 14 state employees who voluntarily elect coverage in any of the
 15 supplemental insurance benefit plans as provided by
 16 sub-subparagraph a.

17 c. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to
 18 prohibit insurance providers from continuing to provide or
 19 offer supplemental benefit coverage to state employees as
 20 provided under existing agency plans.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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 24 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 On page 1, lines 4 & 5, delete all of said lines,

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 28 and insert:

29 solicitations or contracts for a state group
 30 dental program to include a comprehensive
 31 indemnity dental plan option providing

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