

Bill No. HB 549, 1st Eng.

Amendment No. ____

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11	Senator Mitchell moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	On page 7, between lines 10 and 11,		
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16	insert:		
17	<u>Section 2. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to</u>		
18	<u>consider legislation during the 2001 Regular Session of the</u>		
19	<u>Legislature to expand the eligibility of the state group</u>		
20	<u>health insurance program and the state prescription drug</u>		
21	<u>coverage program to include small municipalities, small</u>		
22	<u>counties, and district school boards of small counties. It is</u>		
23	<u>the intent of the Legislature that any costs or savings to the</u>		
24	<u>state group health insurance program or prescription drug</u>		
25	<u>coverage program resulting from such expansion shall be passed</u>		
26	<u>on to the local government participants and their employees.</u>		
27	<u>(2) The Department of Management Services shall</u>		
28	<u>contract with a third party to conduct an actuarial study to</u>		
29	<u>determine the cost of allowing small counties, small</u>		
30	<u>municipalities, or eligible district school boards to</u>		
31	<u>participate in the state group health insurance program and</u>		

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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.

30 (6) This section shall take effect upon this act
31 becoming a law.

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(Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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And the title is amended as follows:

On page 1, line 6, after the semicolon,

insert:

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