

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 The Committee on Governmental Operations offered the
12 following:

14 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

15 Remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause
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17 and insert in lieu thereof:

18 Section 1. Participation by small counties, small
19 cities, and district school boards located in small
20 counties.--

21 (1) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term:

22 (a) "Department" means the Department of Management
23 Services.

24 (b) "District School Board" means any district school
25 board located in a small county.

26 (c) "Small city" means any incorporated municipality
27 that has a population of 12,500 or less according to the most
28 recent decennial census.

29 (d) "Small county" means any county that has a
30 population of 100,000 or less according to the most recent
31 decennial census.

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1 (2) The governing body of a small county, a small
2 city, or district school board shall be eligible to apply for
3 participation in the state group health insurance program
4 authorized in section 110.123, Florida Statutes, and the
5 prescription drug coverage program authorized by section
6 110.12315, Florida Statutes. The Division of State Group
7 Insurance shall determine whether the city, county, or
8 district school board meets the terms and conditions for
9 enrollment.

10 (3) As a prerequisite to applying for participation in
11 the state group health insurance program and the prescription
12 drug coverage program, a small county, small city, or district
13 school board shall be required to pass an ordinance or
14 resolution ratifying such application to the state group
15 health insurance program and the prescription drug coverage
16 program.

17 (4) If the division determines that a small city or
18 county or district school board is eligible to enroll, the
19 small city or county or district school board shall agree to
20 the following terms and conditions:

21 (a) The minimum enrollment or contractual period will
22 be three years.;

23 (b) Withdrawal of participation by a small city or
24 county or district school board will require written notice
25 one year prior to the termination date.

26 (c) If coverage is terminated, a small city or county
27 or district school board will not be eligible to reapply for
28 participation for a period of two years.

29 (d) Should any employer other than a state employer
30 fail to make the required premium payment, required by this
31 chapter, then, upon request by the department, the Department

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1 of Revenue or the Department of Banking and Finance, as the
2 case may be, shall deduct the amount owed by the employer from
3 any funds to be distributed by it to the county, city, or
4 district school board. The amounts so deducted shall be
5 transferred to the department for further distribution to the
6 trust funds in accordance with this chapter.

7 (e) The small city or county or district school board
8 shall furnish the department such information in the form and
9 format requested by the department that is deemed necessary to
10 administer the state group health insurance program and the
11 prescription drug program.

12 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2001, the Division of
13 State Group Insurance shall adopt rules to implement the
14 provisions of this act.

15 Section 3. Effective July 1, 2000, the department
16 shall request from the Internal Revenue Service, within 90
17 days of the passage of this act a written determination letter
18 and a favorable private letter ruling, hereinafter referred to
19 as favorable letters, stating that the State Group
20 Self-Insurance program is a facially qualified plan.

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22 The department shall notify the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives and the President of the Senate within 30 days
24 of receipt of the favorable or unfavorable letters. If no
25 favorable letters are received by January 1, 2001, this act
26 shall take effect July 1, 2001, provided the department
27 receives the favorable letters prior to such date. In the
28 event favorable letters are not received, the act shall not
29 take effect.

30 Section 4. Except as otherwise provided herein, this
31 act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 1, line 5,

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5 insert after the semicolon:

6 providing definitions; providing for
7 application to the division of state group
8 insurance for determination of eligibility;
9 providing for adoption of an ordinance or
10 resolution as a prerequisite; providing
11 conditions; providing for the adoption of
12 rules; providing for favorable private letter
13 ruling's from the Internal Revenue Service;
14 providing for notification; providing in the
15 absence of private letter rulings's this act
16 shall not take effect;

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