

By Senator Klein

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the state group health  
3           insurance and prescription drug programs;  
4           authorizing school districts to apply for  
5           participation; providing eligibility  
6           requirements for enrollment; exempting the  
7           program from ss. 624.436-624.446, F.S.,  
8           relating to multiple-employer welfare  
9           arrangements; authorizing the Department of  
10          Management Services to adopt rules; providing a  
11          conditional effective date.

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

15           Section 1. Section 110.1228, Florida Statutes, is  
16          created to read:

17           110.1228 Participation by district school systems.--

18           (1) As used in this section, the term "district school  
19          system" means a district unit as defined under s. 230.01.

20           (2) A district school system may apply for  
21          participation in the state group health insurance program  
22          authorized under s. 110.123 and the prescription drug coverage  
23          program authorized under s. 100.12315 by submitting to the  
24          department an application, together with a \$500 nonrefundable  
25          fee.

26           (3) As a prerequisite to applying for participation in  
27          the state group health insurance program and the prescription  
28          drug coverage program, a district school board must adopt an  
29          ordinance or resolution ratifying such an application to the  
30          state group health insurance program and the prescription drug  
31          coverage program.

1           (4) If the department determines that a district  
2 school board is eligible to enroll, the district school board  
3 must agree to the following terms and conditions:

4           (a) The minimum enrollment or contractual period will  
5 be 3 years.

6           (b) The district school board must pay to the  
7 department a monthly administrative fee per enrollee per  
8 month.

9           (c) Termination of participation of a district school  
10 board requires written notice 1 year before the termination  
11 date.

12           (d) If participation is terminated, a district school  
13 board may not reapply for participation for 2 years.

14           (e) If a district school board employer fails to make  
15 the premium payment required by this chapter, the Department  
16 of Revenue or the Department of Banking and Finance shall,  
17 upon the request of the Department of Management Services,  
18 deduct the amount owed by the employer from any funds to be  
19 distributed by it to the district school board. The amounts so  
20 deducted must be transferred to the department for further  
21 distribution to the trust funds in accordance with this  
22 chapter.

23           (f) The district school board shall furnish to the  
24 department information requested by the department which the  
25 department considers necessary to administering the state  
26 group health insurance program and the prescription drug  
27 program.

28           (5) Sections 624.436-624.446 do not apply to the State  
29 Group Insurance Program or to this section.

30           (6) The Department of Management Services may adopt  
31 rules necessary to administer this section.

