

By Representative Trovillion

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the state group insurance  
3           program; amending s. 110.123, F.S.; providing a  
4           period of time during which certain retired  
5           officers and employees may elect to participate  
6           under the program; providing that former state  
7           officers and employees who are vested in the  
8           Florida Retirement System may participate in  
9           the state group health insurance plan at the  
10          time of receiving their state retirement  
11          benefits; providing an effective date.  
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15           Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section  
16          110.123, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
17           110.123 State group insurance program.--  
18           (3) STATE GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM.--  
19           (f)1. Participation by individuals in the program  
20          shall be available to all state officers, full-time state  
21          employees, and part-time state employees; and such  
22          participation in the program or any plan thereof shall be  
23          voluntary. Participation in the program shall also be  
24          available to retired state officers and employees who elect at  
25          the time of retirement to continue coverage under the program,  
26          but they may elect to continue all or only part of the  
27          coverage they had at the time of retirement. A surviving  
28          spouse may elect to continue coverage only under the state  
29          group health insurance plan or a health maintenance  
30          organization plan.  
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1           2. Commencing on July 1, 2001, there shall be a  
2 one-time period of 90 days during which retired state officers  
3 and employees who did not elect at the time of retirement to  
4 continue coverage under the program may elect to participate  
5 in the program with all or part of the coverage they had at  
6 the time of retirement.

7           3. Notwithstanding s. 110.123(2)(g), former state  
8 officers and employees who are vested in the Florida  
9 Retirement System, and who have deferred receiving their state  
10 retirement benefits until age 62 to avoid early retirement  
11 penalties, may participate in the state group health insurance  
12 plan at the time of receiving their state retirement benefits  
13 on the same basis as a retiree defined in s. 110.123(2)(g).

14           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
15 law.

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18           HOUSE SUMMARY

19           Provides a 90-day period of time during which described  
20 retired officers and employees in the Florida Retirement  
21 System may elect to participate in the State Group  
22 Insurance Program. Provides that described former state  
23 officers and employees who are vested in the Florida  
24 Retirement System may participate in the group health  
25 insurance plan at the time of receiving their state  
26 retirement benefits.  
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