

By Senator Klein

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health insurance;  
3           authorizing small business employers to  
4           contract with the Department of Management  
5           Services to purchase coverage in the state  
6           group health insurance plan for their  
7           employees; providing procedures; requiring  
8           recordkeeping by the department; providing an  
9           effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Small employer health insurance; state  
14 group health insurance plan.--

15           (1) Effective July 1, 2003, a small employer, as  
16 defined in section 627.6699, Florida Statutes, may contract  
17 with the Department of Management Services in order to  
18 purchase coverage in the state group health insurance plan for  
19 the employer and the employer's eligible employees and the  
20 dependents of such employees, as defined in section 627.6699,  
21 Florida Statutes. Each small employer who participates in the  
22 state group health insurance plan shall collect the employee  
23 contribution, in the form of a payroll deduction or other  
24 remuneration, from each qualified employee as required by the  
25 department by rule. The employer shall also make the required  
26 contributions that will be applied toward the cost of the  
27 monthly premiums and shall pay an annual administrative fee of  
28 not less than \$5 per enrollee per month, as determined by the  
29 department. The individual employer shall determine the  
30 employee's proportionate contribution to the monthly premium.

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1           (2) The Department of Management Services shall  
2 maintain a separate accounting for all records of small  
3 employers who elect coverage under this section, including all  
4 statistical information necessary for making actuarial  
5 assumptions for the group.

6           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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9                                       SENATE SUMMARY

10          Authorizes small business employers to contract with the  
11          Department of Management Services to purchase coverage in  
12          the state group health insurance plan for their  
13          employees. Provides procedures. Requires the department  
14          to keep certain records.

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