

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	—	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
 2 Committee

3 Representative Cummings offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 1180 and 1181, insert:

7 Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 8 112.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 112.08 Group insurance for public officers, employees, and
 10 certain volunteers; physical examinations.—

11 (2) (a) Notwithstanding any general law or special act to
 12 the contrary, every local governmental unit is authorized to
 13 provide and pay out of its available funds for all or part of
 14 the premium for life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal
 15 expense, or annuity insurance, or all or any kinds of such
 16 insurance, for the officers and employees of the local
 17 governmental unit and for health, accident, hospitalization, and

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18 legal expense insurance for the dependents of such officers and
19 employees upon a group insurance plan and, to that end, to enter
20 into contracts with insurance companies or professional
21 administrators to provide such insurance or with a corporation
22 not-for-profit whose membership consists entirely of local
23 government units authorized to enter into risk management
24 consortiums under this subsection. Before entering any contract
25 for insurance, the local governmental unit shall advertise for
26 competitive bids; and such contract shall be let upon the basis
27 of such bids. If a contracting health insurance provider becomes
28 financially impaired as determined by the Office of Insurance
29 Regulation of the Financial Services Commission or otherwise
30 fails or refuses to provide the contracted-for coverage or
31 coverages, the local government may purchase insurance, enter
32 into risk management programs, or contract with third-party
33 administrators and may make such acquisitions by advertising for
34 competitive bids or by direct negotiations and contract. The
35 local governmental unit may undertake simultaneous negotiations
36 with those companies which have submitted reasonable and timely
37 bids and are found by the local governmental unit to be fully
38 qualified and capable of meeting all servicing requirements.
39 Each local governmental unit may self-insure any plan for
40 health, accident, and hospitalization coverage or enter into a
41 risk management consortium to provide such coverage, subject to
42 approval based on actuarial soundness by the Office of Insurance
43 Regulation; and each shall contract with an insurance company or

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44 professional administrator qualified and approved by the office
45 to administer such a plan or with a corporation not-for-profit
46 whose membership consists entirely of local government units
47 authorized to enter into risk management consortiums under this
48 subsection.

49 Section 24. Paragraph (t) is added to subsection (1) of
50 section 626.88, Florida Statutes, to read:

51 626.88 Definitions.—For the purposes of this part, the
52 term:

53 (1) "Administrator" is any person who directly or
54 indirectly solicits or effects coverage of, collects charges or
55 premiums from, or adjusts or settles claims on residents of this
56 state in connection with authorized commercial self-insurance
57 funds or with insured or self-insured programs which provide
58 life or health insurance coverage or coverage of any other
59 expenses described in s. 624.33(1) or any person who, through a
60 health care risk contract as defined in s. 641.234 with an
61 insurer or health maintenance organization, provides billing and
62 collection services to health insurers and health maintenance
63 organizations on behalf of health care providers, other than any
64 of the following persons:

65 (t) A corporation not-for-profit whose membership consists
66 entirely of local governmental units authorized to enter into
67 risk management consortiums under s. 112.08.
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69 A person who provides billing and collection services to health
70 insurers and health maintenance organizations on behalf of
71 health care providers shall comply with the provisions of ss.
72 627.6131, 641.3155, and 641.51(4).
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Remove line 58 and insert:

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conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 112.08, F.S.;

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specifically authorizing corporate not-for-profits whose

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membership consists entirely of local governmental units to

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contract as third party administrators; amending s. 626.88,

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F.S.; exempting specific corporate not-for-profits from the

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definition of administrators for purposes of that section;

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providing an effective